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THIS REPORT IS A STUDY IN DEPTH OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT. IT WAS UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE PLACE OF HEAD START CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THEIR CULTURAL CONTEXT AND TO EXAMINE THESE CHILDREN'S INTERACTIONS WITH SOCIETY AND WITH EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. THREE MAJOR SECTIONS DESCRIBE (1) THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIOECONOMIC FORCES WHICH HAVE SHAPED PRESENT-DAY COMMUNITY LIFE, (2) THE FAMILIES OF THE HEAD START CHILDREN, THEIR EDUCATIONAL LEVELS, THEIR ECONOMIC STATUS, THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARD HEAD START, AND THE ATTITUDES OF FAMILY MEMBERS TOWARD EACH OTHER, AND (3) THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOL SYSTEM, ITS INTERACTION WITH HEAD START FAMILIES, AND THE WRITER'S REFLECTIONS ON THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IN SATISFYING THE NEEDS OF THE DEPRIVED CHILD. SECTION (4) IS COMPOSED OF 10 TABLES DETAILING INFORMATION ON POPULATION, INCOME TAX, AGES AND GRADE LEVELS OF THE CHILDREN OF HEAD START FAMILIES, NUMBERS OF CHILDREN IN HEAD START FAMILIES AND IN SCHOOL, SCHOOL SYSTEM ENROLLMENT, NUMBER OF CHILDREN GOING ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION, AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN REPEATING GRADES. SECTION (5) IS COMPOSED OF APPENDICES A, B, C, AND D. "A" IS A REPORT ON THE HEAD START PROGRAM. "B" IS A REPORT BY THE BOARD OF DEACONS OF NORTHFIELD'S UNITED CHURCH. "C" IS A SAMPLE FAMILY QUESTIONNAIRE. "D" IS THE 80-PAGE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD FOR 1964. (LG)

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INTRODUCTION

Early in July, 1965, the official Head Start flag was raised on the old village common in Northfield, Vermont. It symbolized the inception of a new program, designed to decrease the discrepancy between children who start school with the advantages of a happy constructive home environment and those who start school already encumbered by the disadvantages of a culturally deprived home environment. All men may be created equal, but the effects of the inequities of environment are all too readily apparent in the deprived child's attempts to cope with the standards set up by our society and its school systems. Hopefully, the results of Head Start will be felt not merely in the lives of the forty-seven children who participated in the Program's three Centers in Northfield, not merely in the lives of their "underprivileged" families, not merely in the lives of the townspeople of Northfield, but throughout society.

In order to assess the value of such a program, and to plan for implementing expanded programs along Head Start lines, it is necessary to analyze the techniques, the processes, the results. For this purpose a number of studies are being made under the sponsorship of the Research and Evaluation Department of Operation Head Start, a federal division of the Office of Economic Opportunity. This paper is a study in depth of the Northfield community in which we seek to place the Head Start child and his family in the context of their cultural milieu, examining their interaction with society and particularly the deprived child's interaction with his educational opportunities.

This study is in three sections, of which the first is a compilation of data to indicate the general background of the Northfield community. For this purpose a historical summary has been made of those socio-economic forces whose influence has been most pervasive in shaping present-day community life in Northfield. The second section is a specific study of the Head Start families in Northfield, and of the family environment of Head Start children. The third section includes a brief description of the school system in Northfield, and data on the interaction between Head Start children and their families and the school system. It concludes with some reflections of the writer, chiefly philosophical in nature, on the "needs" of the deprived child, the means necessary to satisfy these needs, and the role of the school system.

Appendix A is an account by Mrs. Gertrude Boyles of how the Head Start Program came to Northfield, along with its effects on families involved and on Northfield generally, and several sample interviews.

Mrs. Boyles helped prepare and administer the questionaire to Head Start families on which much of the data in sections two and three are based. It was the good fortune of this writer to work as head teacher at one of the three Child Development Centers,over which Mrs. Boyles had charge as Director of this summer's Head Start program in Northfield. Her enthusiasm and knowledge were inspiring and aided immeasurably in bringing our study to its completion.

The sponsor of this study, Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc., has aided greatly in the technical aspects so necessary to a study of this kind. The cooperation and material aid of its Program Director, Jim Roos, and the Staff Secretary, Jackie Harmon, have been particularly helpful. The servicesof Gaie Bates as typist are also greatly appreciated.

The greatest sources of inspiration for this study were my seventeen children. For eight weeks this summer they shared with me, nominally as their "head teacher," their enthusiasms, their feelings of hope and despair, their boundless curiosity and need to learn, their excitement with life. To them, and to all of our children everywhere, this study is dedicated.

SECTION I. HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHFIELD

A. THE VERMONT SETTING

The historical development of Northfield parallels that of Vermont. A brief account of Vermont's development will thus provide a setting for a better understanding of how the Northfield community has developed.

As New England states go, Vermont is young. Settlement commenced on the eve of the American Revolution, some 150 years after the older New England states were settled. The factors which made its development comparatively recent contribute to the fact that it remains, socio-economically and culturally, a somewhat unsophisticated backwater in modern America. Although a scant 300 miles and six hours from the vast population complexes of New York, New Jersey, and Southern New England, with population of over 20,000,000, our hills and valleys claim less than 400,000 inhabitants over an area of some 9,000 square miles.

This is not to say that Vermont is another Appalachia; there are pockets of poverty in every area, every community, but civilization has not bypassed the Green Mountain State. The forces which shaped the socio-economic development of the rest of the Atlantic seaboard are at work but the fermentation is slow. The basic reason is economic; Vermont is removed from the raw materials and the markets of technocracy.

The folk ethic of Vermont is native, naive, and unsophisticated; it was fashioned by the experiences and values of a rural population and an agricultural economy. But the trend is towards urbanization; dairy farming as a way of life is on the decline. Recreation and tourism are increasing, as are the industries in which transportation is not a major factor. Incomes are growing, the standard of living is rising, the amenities of civilization play an increasing part in the lives of Vermonters. These influences are being felt in Northfield today.

B. SETTLEMENT AND POPULATION CENTERS IN NORTHFIELD

The township of Northfield is some six miles square and contains about 23,000 acres. It was chartered in 1781 by the State of Vermont, then in its fourth year of independence and still ten years distant from its merger with the United States. That happy event took place in 1791. Although the first town meeting was held in 1794, settlement did not begin in earnest until around 1800 when the population was 204 (see table 1). By then, Elijah Paine had established his sawmill and gristmill on what is now called Mill Hill.

The nucleus of the first settlement was "Slab City," now South Northfield. Here, by the middle of the century, were a potash works, a chair factory, saw and grist mills--even a hotel. As settlement increased, a new nucleus developed at Center Village, which had 17 dwellings by 1824. With the advent of the railroad to that locality in 1848, it became known as Depot Village and its population grew by leaps and bounds. It is now known as Northfield Village and is the center of the town's population with 2159 of Northfield's 4511 inhabitants. The village of Northfield Falls, two miles northerly, is a third nucleus of several dozen homes and stores.

Throughout the years, however, the bulk of Northfield's inhabitants have resided on farms in the hills and valleys which make up Northfield's topography.

C. NORTHFIELD'S INDUSTRIES

The discovery of slate in Northfield led to quarrying and slate working as an early source of income. Today the quarries are closed and only the piles of slate waste and the slate roofs of many of the old homes attest, visually, to the former significance of that industry. But many of the families, some of them foreign (Welsh, Italian), which came to work slate remained to be assimilated into the local populace, leaving few cultural traces of their origins.

Similarly, many of those who came to work in Northfield's granite sheds remained although the sheds are now closed. A large number of the town's breadwinners journey daily to neighboring Barre and Graniteville to work in the Rock of Ages plants and in the other granite sheds which make that area the country's largest producer of granite products. The 1961 Vermont State Tax returns show that 133 Northfield taxpayers earned some $676,000 in granite working and quarrying, an average of about $5,000 yearly each (see table 2).

The railroad came to Northfield in 1848, principally through the agitation of Charles Paine, resident of Northfield and Vermont's governor in 1841 and 1842. Through his influence the rails ran through Northfield instead of taking an alternate route through Williamstown valley which would have better served the granite-producing complex in Barre. Its advent had a profound influence on Northfield, reflected in part by a minor population explosion (from 2922 in 1850 to 4329 in 1860; see table 1). The impetus to the slate, granite, woolen, and wood-working industries in town was felt throughout the latter half of the 1800's. Then, the arrival of one of the several daily trains of the old Vermont Central heralded a scene of activity as tradesmen, industrialists, and even tourists alit at the thronged station to take part in the fervor of an expanding economy; today, the train stops briefly to discharge a passenger or two and to take on, perhaps a shipment from the Nantana Mills and continues unnoticed on its way with a lonely hoot.

The raising of sheep for their wool played an important part in Vermont's economy at one time. In 1842, for example, the State had 1,700,000 sheep or nearly 200 per square mile. Northfield participated in the "sheep craze," but more important to its economy in the long run were the woolen mills in town. In 1836 a woolen mill was established by James and Joe gould. For many years it and its successors were the principal industry in town; today the woolen mill plays a significant role with nearly 200 employees whose gross income is about $700,000 (see table 2).

Lumbering and wood-product manufacturing have been a minor but consistent source of income in Northfield. In 1961, 86 State Income Tax returns in this category reported gross income of $195,000, an average of $2,250 annually (see table 2). More significantly, lumbering offers a source of part-time employment particularly for Northfield's deprived--the chance to earn a little extra "between jobs."

Norwich University, founded in Norwich, Vermont, in 1819, moved to Northfield in 1866. Today it has an investment of some $8,000,000 in buildings and plant alone. It graduates some 200 students annually, out of an enrollment of over a thousand; faculty and staff number over a hundred. Its influence, chiefly economic, has been pervasive in Northfield.

Up until the Depression, however, agriculture proved the mainstay of Northfield. This is true not only in the economic sense; more significantly, farming was THE way of life. Northfield (and Vermont generally) was settled by subsistence farmers, pioneers who made their way in life by clearing the land of the virgin forests that once covered the state, planting a few acres of pumpkins, corn, wheat, apple trees, and (later) potatoes; owning a few cattle, oxen, and horses. Before the turn of the century, Vermont had passed through a wheat-growing era (roughly 1800-1840) and the "sheep craze" (roughly 1830-1860) and dairy farming had assumed importance as farmers shipped their cheese, butter, maple sugar, and barrels of beef and pork to market. This diversification gradually narrowed until now the only major product of the Vermont farm is milk, and the number of farms diminishes as the size of the modern "factory farm" grows. Today, there are only about 20 farm owners and workers in Northfield; their reported income is about $20,000 (see table 2). As a way of life, farming is now negligible, but the number of non-farm rural homes remains high. Of the 43 Head Start families, 28 live in the villages, 13 are classified non-farm rural, and 2 live on farms.

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D. SUMMARY

All in all, Northfield is typical of the average Vermont town. It has the hills and valleys common throughout the state, with the settled villages occurring along the river valleys. It is located slightly north of the geographical center of the State. Even its size is near the average; 178,464 Vermonters live in larger towns and cities and 211,417 live in smaller towns and cities.

The historical patterns of development in Northfield are typical, even though each historical occurrence is unique in itself. The inhabitants of Northfield, though peculiar to their time and place, might as well have been inhabitants of any other town in the state except for the vagaries of fate. And Northfield, like Middletown or Elmtown or any of thousands of communities throughout our country, has its class structure; its pillars of society, its solid middle class citizens--and its underprivileged.

SECTION II. THE UNDERPRIVILEGED FAMILIES OF NORTHFIELD

A. ORIGINS OF HEAD START IN NORTHFIELD

In the first section we reviewed briefly the growth of the Northfield community. In this section we will try to describe the families in Northfield that are "underprivileged" and try to find out what makes them so. The chief method utilized was interviewing the families who took part in the Head Start program in the summer of 1965 and analyzing their responses.

The 48 children who took active part in the Head Start program do not come from ALL the families in Northfield which we call "deprived;" obviously some did not have children of Head Start age. And, some of the children came from families which are not "underprivileged;" a few came from happy, "normal" homes.

The criterion in selecting children for the Head Start program was the lack of previous nursery school or kindergarten experience of those whose enrollment in the first grade in September 1965 was probable. Five of our 48 Head Start children are not now in the first grade; four children went into the first grade without Head Start or other pre-school experiences. The enrollment thus reflected PRIMARILY the needs of the children; the criterion of "underprivileged" was implicit and the enrollment did in fact represent Northfield's deprived.

Three Child Development Centers were established in Northfield; one in the first grade room in Northfield Falls village, one in the fourth grade room in the rural area called Rabbit Hollow, and a third in a first grade room in Northfield Village (of which this writer was head teacher). The program was under the directorship of Mrs. Gertrude Boyles, who for many years operated a private nursery school in Northfield. For her account of the origins of the Head Start program in Northfield, see Appendix A.

B. STATISTICS CONCERNING NORTHFIELD'S NEEDY

In March of 1965, Enoch Tompkins of the University of Vermont's Department of Agricultural Economics prepared a pamphlet entitled, "Socio-economic Indexes for the Minor Civil Divisions of Vermont." The statistics which refer to Northfield are found on page 26 of that pamphlet, and are compiled from 1960 Bureau of Census figures. They are here presented in summary form:

In Northfield, 236 families (24% of the total) have incomes under $3,000 (the figure for Vermont as a whole is 23%).

There are 114 dilapidated housing units, ten per cent of the total. Ninety-three housing units, or 8%, have no running water. Seven per cent (74 units) have more than one person per room. Average number of persons per household is 3.4.

There are 1,444 children under 18, 32% of the total population of Northfield. Only 12 individuals are "unemployed," less than 1%.

Statistics from Vermont's Department of Social Welfare show that in April, 1965, 50 residents of Northfield received Old Age Assistance; 15 received Aid to the Partially or Totally Disabled; one received Aid to the Blind. Eight families received Aid for Dependent Children. The town participates in the Surplus Commodities Program.

C. PRELIMINARY STATISTICS CONCERNING HEAD START FAMILIES

Of the 48 children enrolled for Head Start, ten came from five families and thus we had preliminary information on 43 families.

1. Age of Parents - The average mother's age was 29.88. Eighteen mothers were in their 20's, six were thirty, thirteen were from 31 to 41, and four were 40 or 41. The fathers averaged 37.09 years of age; nine were in their 20's, seven were 30, 25 between 31 and 45, one was 51 and one was 56.

2. Broken Homes - The children did not come from broken homes in the usual sense. Three of the mothers were step-mothers; two fathers were in prison, one was away in service, and one (since re-married) was a widower.

3. Working Mothers - While 13 of the mothers worked at full time or regular part-time work, only six said that their children were being cared for by baby-sitters or neighbors. It must be assumed that members of the immediate family assisted the other working mothers.

4. Residence - Twenty-eight families are classified as "urban" which is to say that they live in village homes. Thirteen are non-farm rural. Two are classified as farm families; in both cases the income is supplemented by non-farm work.

The following figures are taken from "pink sheets;" the family history forms filled out by the parents of Head Start children. As two of the original families had left town, these figures cover 41 families:

5. Family Income - Three families had income of under $3,000 annually; the income of thirteen families falls within the $3,000 - $4,000 range; eight families have income between $4,000 and $5,000; and seventeen families have over $5,000 annual income.

6. Education of Parents

Mothers
One did not finish elementary school.
Three finished elementary school.
Twelve were high school dropouts.
Twenty-two finished high school.
Three went on into higher education.

Fathers
Two did not finish elementary school.
Eleven finished elementary school.
Eight were high school dropouts.
Thirteen finished high school.
Seven went on into higher education.

The data which follows was taken from questionaires prepared by Mrs. Gertrude Boyles and the writer. It was administered by Mrs. Boyles at family interviews ("kitchen tours" as she calls them; see Appendix A for several examples). The questionaires were in three parts; the first part was designed to get parental reaction to the Head Start Program; to find out what parents felt was particularly helpful for their children, and to air any gripes or criticisms. Normally, the father was not present at the interview.

Of the original 43 Head Start families, two had left town and two had children who dropped out of the program. One questionaire is not tabulated and the data is thus tabulated from 38 completed questionaires.

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D. PARENTAL ATTITUDES TOWARD HEAD START

1. Did You Like the Head Start Program?

This question was designed as an "ice-breaker" and to establish a comfortable working relationship between the Interviewer and subject. Of the 38 families interviewed, 36 answered this question in the affirmative, though with varying degrees of enthusiasm. The two subjects who answered negatively had specific complaints; that the child had not improved in the general area of "discipline," and that the child did not get enough preparation for "school."

2. How did it Help your Child?

Some of the answers to this question came spontaneously, and others came only after one or more of the following questions; "socially," "school readiness," "behavior," and "self-confidence." Thirteen subjects answered "all of these" to the question. Twelve thought their child was helped "socially," nine answered "self-confidence," eight said "school readiness," and three said "behavior." Some mothers mentioned more than one area in which their child had been helped. One mother mentioned the benefits of getting shots, and another mentioned that as a result of the eye test her child had gotten glasses. One mother felt that Head Start had not helped her child in any way.

3. Would You Like to Have Head Start on a Year-Around Basis?

To this question there were 37 affirmative replies and one negative response.

4. Would You be Willing to Work on Such a Program?

This question was designed in part to see if the expected general approval of Head Start would be backed up by more concrete committment. Eleven said they were too busy, and for the most part these were mothers with large families. Nine are working outside the home and could not help for that reason. Three responded negatively. Fifteen expressed willingness to help, but were nebulous as to type of assistance; two volunteered to help at the Centers and one offered transportation aid.

5. What did you like most about the Head Start Program?

Ten replies mentioned the "socializing" aspect; they liked the fact that their child had a chance to meet other children, adjust to other children, learn to get along with other children.

Eight liked the preparation for first grade which they felt their child received.

Six said they "liked it all."

Four liked the fact that their children received swimming lessons.

Two liked the teachers.

Individual responses included, more freedom for the mother, mother's experience working in the center, helping child overcome shyness, learning to listen, learning to share, "drew out" her child, did wonders for her child. Two said simply that their children loved it, and one said, "the way they taught the children - the materials they had - everything."

6. Anything About Head Start Program That You Didn't Like, or Thought Could be Improved?

This question uncovered a number of minor gripes; i.e.: "transportation difficult," "learn to sit still," "more discipline needed," "expected a more formal program," "should be more than a baby-sitting service," "more emphasis on being quiet," "too close to the school year," and "should have been more school work" (two responses). Twenty-nine mothers had no criticisms.

7. Did You Find the Parents' Meetings Helpful in Any Way?

Twenty-three did not attend any parents' meetings. Fourteen attended and found the meetings helpful in some way, one saying that "the only time I've really seen or talked to any people was at the Head Start meeting." Others felt that it "gave a clearer picture of what was going on." One attended but found no enlightenment.

8. Do you feel that the Program is Unfair to Rich Parents Who Weren't Allowed to Send Their Children?

In part, this question was designed to ascertain (in reverse) if there was any resentment in the status of being part of a "poverty program." The response was revealing: thirty-three answered in the negative. Four admittedly did not know that the children of the "rich" had not been included; possibly others were also unaware of this fact. One felt that the program should include all children. Another, referring to the local private nursery school said, "they have a chance to send theirs."

9. Do You Feel the Government Should Help Parents Who Can't Afford Private Nursery Schools?

All thirty-eight responses were in the affirmative.

E. ATTITUDES AND RELATIONSHIPS OF HEAD START FAMILIES

1. Family Size

For the 38 families represented in our survey, the average number of children was 4.58, with the average size of the family being 6.58. There were 84 boys in the 38 families for an average age of 6, and 90 girls for an average age of 5. The presence of 8 girls between the ages of 14 and 18 skewed the average somewhat; there happened to be no boys in this age range (see table 4).

2. Children in the Neighborhood

As it would be somewhat difficult to establish standards of what constitutes "many children in the neighborhood," this question is to determine whether the mother FEELS there are many children in the neighborhood. A few made an effort to estimate the number of neighborhood children. The responses were evenly divided; twenty were positive and 18 negative. (See Section II, C-4 for statistics showing that 2/3 of the families live in the village and 1/3 are classified as non-farm rural.)

3. Relationship With Other Children

Response to this question followed the pattern of the previous question fairly closely; to the question "Does your (Head Start) child spend much time playing with other children?" the answers were 18 yes, 17 no, 2 "some" .

4. Play With Siblings

The response to this question was once again subjective, as no attempt was made to qualify the term "much time" in the question, "Does your child spend much time playing with brothers and sisters?" The answers were 33 positive and 5 negative; one mother volunteered the information that her child "prefers playing with others."

5. How Does Your Child Spend Other Time

Several possibilities were suggested to the parent, and these elicited the following responses: toys, 15; TV, 14; art work, 10; outside, 13; inside, 2; with father, 3; with mother, 0 (!); all of these, 3. Volunteered responses included playing school, 4; and one each for stories, writing and reading, make believe, doing things with his hands, bible study, and "tin dishes."

6. Does Your Child Like to be Read To?

The response to this question was overwhelmingly affirmative; 35 answered yes, three no. Comments included, "at bed-time" or "in the evening, 4 ;" "whenever mother gets time," "older sister reads to him sometimes," and "no one reads to him."

7. Sibling Rivalry

To the question, "Does your Head Start child get along well with his brothers and sisters?" the answers were 35 yes and 3 no. Three of the affirmatives conceded that the child "fights with older ones," "fights with brother quite a lot," and "fights with his younger brother."

8. Close Friends

Twenty-nine parents claimed that their child had close friends; nine said, no. One parent volunteered that "Head Start helped here."

9. Group Participation

Twenty-two of the children belong to religious groups (Sunday School, Catechism, etc.). Six belong to Scouts, three to Brownies, two to 4H, one to Cubs. Twelve belong to none of these. One parent volunteered the response that her children belonged to "too many."

10. Playground and Swimming Pool

When asked if their children went to the playground or swimming pool, twenty parents answered yes, with two qualifying their answer "some;" eighteen answered no. In another part of the questionaire, one parent mentioned the difficulty of transportation to the playground, and another mentioned the cost as being prohibitive; 25¢ per day or $10 per season.

11. What Do You Do For Family Fun?

Picnics were family fun according to fourteen respondents; seven listed trips and while none specifically mentioned birthday parties, ten responded "all" to these three categories. Six mentioned playgames - in the evening, in winter, at home. Two mentioned the playground and three said T.V. was family fun. The following were also mentioned: walks, camping, rides, play with Dad, drive-in, and family reunions. Two used the word "good" to show enthusiasm for family fun, four said "not much" or "none." One father is away in the service and two are in prison.

12. Family Participation in Social Organizations

Fourteen parents and/or spouses belong to church groups, two belong to the local PTO, two belong to fraternal groups, one belongs to all of these, and nineteen belong to none of these. In addition, four belong to the American Legion, and one each to the VFW, 40 & 8, and J.C.'s

13. Importance of Parent Participation in Social Organizations

When asked if participation in social organizations played much of a part in their lives, six responded in the affirmative and seventeen in the negative; one said "some." In addition, fourteen said that the church was important to them; one volunteered the information that 22 hours weekly was spent in church work.

14. Parent Participation in Civic Affairs

Eighteen interviewees responded negatively when asked if they and/or their spouses took part in civic affairs. Twenty answered affirmatively; of these ten claimed to vote in elections and seven to participate in town meetings, the chief form of local government.

15. How do you feel About Northfield as a Place to Live?

Twenty-one answered this question affirmatively, six were indifferent, two were negative, and four had mixed feelings. Of the five respondents living in the township of Roxbury, three had mixed reactions, two were indifferent, and one was negative.

Of those answering positively, eight volunteered comments: good country environment, 2; presence of Norwich University beneficial, playground, "it's getting better," "everything to offer - for a small town," "been here seven years and beginning to like it," and "I love it."

Negative feelings expressed were "could be better," "like any other small town," "don't like the particular environment we live in," "taxes too high," "too expensive," "town doesn't want to move ahead," and "not as good as other places I've lived."

16. How Do You Feel Northfield Could be Made a Better Place To Live?

Fourteen made no comment on this question, 24 commented. Seven thought something was needed for the children to do, several specifically mentioning teen-agers as needing "something." An amusement center was suggested. Four thought the school system needed improvement; this item is covered more thoroughly in Section III. Other responses: get a shopping center, poor village water supply, need more business, need more young people, transportation to playground needed, more equal opportunity, bring in industries which would pay better, churches could make it a better place to live, hard to pay pool membership, more neighbors needed, get employers and potential employees together, and "tear down some of the 'falling-down' houses on Water Street."

17. Do You Feel That You Could Do Anything to Improve the Community?

Twenty-one answered in the negative, making such comments as "young married people don't have much say," "community doesn't work together," "I tried to start a 4H, but could not find one person to help."

Ten were indifferent or didn't know how. Seven answered in the affirmative, and comments were "by missionary (religious) work," "by providing something for the young people," and "I think we all can."

Five qualified their answers by commenting either, "not alone," or "only in a group."

G. THE DEPRIVED FAMILY IN NORTHFIELD - A COMPOSITE PICTURE

In the previous sections we have compiled considerable data on Northfield's underprivileged population. Perhaps it would clarify what we mean by "underprivileged" if we were to sketch an average picture of the families we have been talking about.

Our average deprived family in Northfield is youngish; Mary is 29 and John is 37. They have been married ten years and have four children, three of them in school; a fifth child is on the way.

Although both John and Mary were born and raised on farms in Northfield, they live in the village. They attended the local schools and Mary graduated from high school; John quit in his Junior year.

The family's annual income has never reached $5,000. During the early years of their marriage, Mary worked part-time (between childbirths) in the Nantana Mills and John held a succession of jobs; filling station attendant, mechanic, plumber's helper, lumbering. He now works in a granite shed in Graniteville where he earns nearly $100 weekly. They have some hopes of eventually getting out of debt, but expenses are heavy; upkeep on a second-hand car, necessary for transportation to work, is high; medical bills and mortgage payments, payments on the furniture and TV, and clothes and shoes for the kids, seem to take all the weekly paycheck and some besides. And there is always the spectre of a lay-off or shutdown at the sheds, when any extra money put by will quickly evaporate. John remembers vaguely the "Depression" and his father's unemployment.

Their first-grader, Joey, was in Head Start this summer, and Mary has noticed that it brought about some change in him; he made some friends in the neighborhood instead of whining around the house all day. Joey was the first of her children to go off to school willingly and even eagerly; the other two hated it, and had to be taken. Mary also met several of the mothers on her street who also had children in Head Start.

The mother had not thought that there were very many children in the neighborhood, but Joey seems to have found quite a few friends who come to play with him and who he sometimes visits after school; one special friend comes over nearly every day. He also plays with his older brother and sister, and sometimes shows affection for baby sister as well.

Joey likes to be read to, but except for two or three hours a week, usually at bed-time, he isn't. Once in a while his older brother or sister will read him a story. Sometimes he fights with the older ones; as he puts it, "they pick on me!"

He would like to spend more time with his father, but Dad is always too tired in the evenings to play with the kids, and on weekends he usually has something else planned; fishing or hunting trips, working on old cars, fixing the house, going out with the boys.

Most of Joey's time at home is spent with toys, although he does use the crayons that he brought home from Head Start, occasionally. He watches TV for an hour or two in the evening, along with his brother and sister; Saturday mornings he likes to watch cartoons.

The public playground and swimming pool has been in Northfield for about five years now; Mom knew about it vaguely but hadn't gotten around to looking into it until Joey came home with glowing reports about it; daily swimming lessons were a part of the Head Start program this summer. She plans to take out a family membership next summer.

Except for meals, the family as a unit does not do much together. Occasionally they go riding together in the summer; they have a picnic once in a while. Sometimes the kids play games together; Mom might join in, but dad rarely does.

Mom used to go to church once in a while but doesn't any longer. The children were enrolled in Sunday School for a while; the oldest girl went pretty regularly. The parents do not belong to any social or fraternal groups, although Dad was a member of the American Legion for a year or two after he got out of the service.

Neither parent takes much part in civic affairs; they usually vote at elections - presidential elections anyway - and occasionally go to town meeting, about the only opportunity for the townspeople to have a say in local government.

They are not particularly enthusiastic about Northfield as a place to live, but feel it is as good as any other. Sometimes they talk about moving to Barre, which is closer to work and where there is "something going on - not dead, like Northfield!" But they do have some friends in town and are gradually fixing up their home, and probably will not move. They don't have any concrete suggestions for improving conditions in Northfield, except for things they have heard others say, that the high school system isn't quite up to standard, that there is nothing for young people to do in Northfield except go riding around or hang out in the restaurant, that there aren't enough industries in town that pay a living wage. Nor do they feel that they, as individuals, can do anything to improve conditions in Northfield.

H. WHAT IS DEPRIVATION?

There are a few general statements which must be made to clarify "deprivation" as found in Northfield:

There are very few broken homes. Divorce is rare; desertion is practically non-existent.

There is no crime, except for motor vehicle violations. No one steals or commits acts of violence. The few exceptions involve breaking into summer homes or camps; a succession of car thefts a few years back was unusual and the perpetrators readily apprehended.

There is little unemployment. The official figure is 12; and even making allowances for the high school graduates seeking work, the elderly, and the unemployable, almost everyone works.

These three aspects - crime, unemployment, and broken homes - are significant in national descriptions of the deprived. The reason they are not significant in Northfield is probably due in part to its rural setting and Puritan ethic. People work because they are supposed to work, "the Devil finds work for idle hands." And marriage is still an important social value. Furthermore, rural life does not have the urban enticements or opportunities for crime or "immorality." There is none of the urban anonymity, and some measure of pride, or at least worry, about what the neighbors will think, that prevents the desperate measures that occasionally entice the urban deprived to rebellion and violence.

What then, in general terms, IS deprivation? It is a relative thing and cannot be measured solely in terms of plumbing conveniences, the weekly paycheck, education levels. Perhaps the true measure of deprivation is the amount of apathy, frustration, and hopelessness that any given condition of environment engenders.

The mark of a healthy family environment is that when misfortune strikes, whatever resources are available are marshalled to combat and alleviate the condition; in a deprived family, misfortune is taken for granted, as a matter of course, abjectly.

In a healthy family environment, there is always at least one source of strength: a strong, benevolent parent; a religious fervor; even a reliable weekly pay check. In a deprived family there is no strength--only weakness.

In a healthy family environment there is always some element of hope or optimism: something to look forward to, something to learn, something to treasure; in a deprived family--nothing.

And the apathy can be pervasive; even the child with all his normal eagerness, curiosity, and inherent creativity, becomes imbued with hopelessness.

SECTION III - THE HEAD START FAMILY AND THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

A. STATISTICS CONCERNING THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOL SYSTEM

There are about 80 children in each of the Northfield school system's twelve grades, about 1,000 in all. This number has remained fairly constant over the past five years (see table 8).

Of those who graduate from high school, nearly 50% ordinarily continue their education (see table 9). This figure includes those who enroll in college, vocational training, technical schools, nursing education--all forms of "higher" education. Figures on the number who complete some form of higher education are not available; the national average is about 15%.

Northfield's school expenditures for 1963-4 school year were $358,876 as reported on page 63 of the annual Northfield Town Report (see Appendix D). Of this amount, some $143,000 went as salaries to elementary school teachers and about $90,000 to high school teachers, an average of about $4,500 each for fifty teachers. The pupil-teacher ratio is about twenty to one.

Head Start families have a total of 108 children in school, most of them in the elementary grades (see table 6).

As subsequent figures show, 26 of these children have repeated grades, or about 25% of Head Start children. Of the total enrollment in elementary school, twenty children or about 3% ordinarily repeat grades (see table 10). As is to be expected, most of the "repeaters" in Northfield, as elsewhere, come from underprivileged families.

B. ATTITUDES AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HEAD START FAMILIES AND THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

The third part of our questionaire dealt mainly with the attitudes and feelings of Head Start families about the Northfield public school system.

1. Do your children seem to like school?

To this question thirty mothers answered in the affirmative. Four said NO, and four said some of their children liked school and some did not. Usually the ones who did not like school were boys.

2. Have any of your children had to start back a year?

Twenty-three parents answered no. Fifteen parents said, yes; they had a total of 26 repeaters.

3. Have they had other troubles in school?

Thirty-five mothers claimed not; three said yes. Two of these were unhappy with specific teachers; the third said only that the child disliked school generally.

4. If they have trouble, to whom do you generally go for help?

Thirty-one parents said they would to to the teacher, six said to the principal or superintendent, three did not know to whom they would turn. These responses total more than 38 as a few mentioned more than one source of succor.

5. Do you feel that your children are fairly well prepared to start school?

Twenty-one responded in the affirmative, three in the negative, and thirteen felt that some of their children were prepared and some were not. One parent admitted she did not know.

6. Have you met most of the children's teachers?

Twenty-seven said yes, ten said no, and one said, "some of them."

7. Do you know the principal, the superintendent of schools, or the school board members?

Thirty knew the principal, 21 knew the superintendent, and eight knew the school board members. Eight did not know the principal, seventeen did not know the superintendent, and 27 did not know the school board members; three knew some of the board members. Most of those who answered affirmatively meant that they knew WHO these officials were without knowing them personally.

8. How do you feel about the school system in Northfield?

Twenty parents gave positive answers to this question. Nine were indifferent, four gave negative answers, four expressed mixed reactions, and one did not know how she felt. Adverse comments concerned Special School needs, inadequate supervision, need for improvement, sub-standard high school, and "could be a lot better."

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9. Do you feel the school system could help your children more?

Thirty mothers answered in the affirmative; they felt the school system could help their children more. Six thought not, and two did not know. By way of comment, a number of gripes were aired: twenty-three felt the need for a public nursery school or kindergarten. Six thought consolidated schools would help. There were many miscellaneous criticisms: too long a day because of the bus schedules, schools not as "advanced" as they should be, classes too big, inadequate playground supervision, more emphasis needed on the non-college student, Jr. High needs improvement, not enough work handed out to the students, children leaving for other communities have a hard time in new schools, children hate high school, there should be only one grade to a teacher, decent equipment needed, basketball court for boys needed, better teachers needed, day care center for children needed so mother can work.

C. THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE DEPRIVED: REFLECTIONS

The attitudes of Head Start parents towards Northfield's school system indicate but little enthusiasm. At best, the parents seem to feel that as school systems go, Northfield's is adequate. Many responses express feelings of dissatisfaction, some of which are specific but most of which are general; the parents sense that the school system does not, or can not, meet their children's needs. Perhaps the least constructive attitudes are those that reflect apathy or disinterest in the school system.

Unfortunately, the experience of their children in the school system seems to support these apprensions. It is the Head Start children who get left back, it is they who become high school drop-outs, it is they who do not go on to college, it is they who do not "adjust;" - it is they who form the next generation of Head Start parents. The cycle of poverty and deprivation continues unbroken.

It would be beyond the scope of this study to consider measures to combat the poverty cycle. But there are two questions we can consider, based on the data implicit in our study:

What ARE the needs of Head Start children? How, and to what degree, does the school system meet these needs? The nature of these questions necessitates conclusions which are in part subjective, even philosophical, in nature.

If we accept the standards of the school system itself, we can assume that success of children in school is measured in terms of whether or not the children progress normally from grade to grade to final graduation and then perhaps go on to some form of higher education. This process involves primarily the academic accumulation of subject matter and skills. It involves learning what is taught and retention of at least enough "knowledge" to pass. It necessitates sufficient motivation on the part of the child to meet the standards imposed by the school system.

The "normal" child is not hamstrung by apathy. His natural curiosity and eagerness to learn, coupled with the encouragement of teacher and parent, is generally sufficient motivation to work successfully within the school system, at least to the degree that he can meet their standards; the degree to which the system meets his needs is not pertinent as long as he meets the needs of the system.

The "deprived" child is different. To the degree that his environment is immersed in apathy, his reaction to the standards of the school system is disinterest and lack of enthusiasm. The standards of the school system are the same for him as for the "normal" child, but his needs are not met; he simply is not motivated by their standards. In the deprived family, "success" is an alien concept; as the child has not experienced success in the familial environment, he does not and cannot seek it within the school system.

What are the needs of the deprived child? How can they be met? For this writer, the answers lie in providing a new type of environment and experience - the type of environment and experience shared by child and adult in the Head Start Program.

Our Head Start Program was, first of all, child-centered. There was no imposition of standards by those in charge except those dictated by the physical safety needs of the children. The emphasis was not on teaching, but on learning. With appropriate guidance and encouragement, the children learned what they needed to learn - as discovered by themselves. And what they needed most was experience - experience which in most cases was its own reward, experience in which their natural creativity could find an outlet. most of all, experience in which they could realize a measure of success and thereby gain self-confidence and a sense of fulfillment. These are not ordinarily the type of experiences found within the school system.

Empirically, these include such experiences as the following: work with their hands, such as hammering, using clay and play dough, finger paints, and other creative media. Going on trips and hikes in the hills, exploring river beds and gravel pits and old quarries, visiting fire stations and fish hatcheries.

Communicating with each other and with adults, learning to talk and to listen, making up stories and acting out phantasies.

Being physically active in games, in swimming and swinging and playing tag and dancing.

Learning to work and play together, and to share.

These are not ordinarily the type of experiences found within the school system; the "normal" child may get them but the deprived child rarely does. And without these types of experiences, the chances of success in the school system are slim.

This is not to say that Head Start, or nursery schools and kindergartens generally, are a cure-all for the poverty cycle. The pervasiveness of an apathetic home environment and the school system's lack in meeting any of the real needs of a growing, learning child preclude the possibility of one brief period being a total solution. But the overwhelming evidence is that it is indeed a start; the reactions of child and even parents to Head Start indicate that it is at least one step in the right direction.

Education is one frontier on which the battle against social ills can be fought - perhaps the only fruitful one. Perhaps what is needed is a total restructuring of our school system to more closely meet the needs of all our children, to the end that this could bring about a better preparation for our children to learn and grow and lead socially useful lives.

To this end, Head Start is a real start.

SECTION IV: TABLES 1 - 10

TABLE 1 : POPULATION OF VERMONT AND NORTHFIELD OVER THE YEARS

Year	Population of Northfield	Population of Vermont	Percent Classified As Urban
1790	40	85,425	
1800	204	154,465	
1810	426	217,895	
1820	690	235,981	
1830	1,412	280,652	
1840	2,013	291,948	
1850	2,922	314,120	1.9
1860	4,329	315,098	2.0
1870	3,410	330,551	6.9
1880	2,336	332,286	10.0
1890	2,836	332,422	15.2
1900	2,855	343,641	22.1
1910	3,226	355,956	27.8
1920	3,096	352,428	31.2
1930	3,438	359,611	33.0
1940	3,601	359,231	34.3
1950	4,314	377,747	36.4
1960	4,511	389,881	38.5

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TABLE 2: STATISTICS FROM VERMONT INCOME TAX RETURNS FROM NORTHFIELD - 1961

INDUSTRIAL CLASS	Number of Returns	Gross Income	Number of Exemptions
Manufacturing			
Quarrying & Manuf. Stone & Mineral	133	$676,292	491
Food Products	12	$ 47,993	30
Textile, Woolen	174	$641,330	423
Apparel & Finished Textile Goods	23	$ 57,100	49
Lumber & Wood Products	86	$194,740	207
Paper Products	1		
Printing & Publishing	7	$ 31,693	19
Rubber, Leather, Canvas & Plastic	2	$ 7,419	7
Metal Working	31	$ 94,517	85
Others	2		
Non-Manufacturing:			
Construction	79	$330,156	214
Transportation	24	$ 90,999	74
Communication & Public Utilities	10	$ 95,319	56
Wholesale Trade	2		
Retail Trade:			
General Merchandise	40	$312,457	133
Automotive & Service	38	$135,400	122

TABLE 2: (continued)

INDUSTRIAL CLASS	Number of Returns	Gross Income	Number of Exemptions
Retail Trade (cont.):			
Eating & Drinking Places	40	$ 51,133	55
Other, Inc. Repair	20	$101,000	91
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	57	$256,780	145
Services - Industries:			
Hotels, Tourist Homes, Camps	12	$ 12,365	20
Other Personal Services	29	$ 98,878	70
Professional:			
Doctors & Dentists	5	$ 51,199	15
Lawyers	1		
Teachers	97	$507,668	
Other - Engineers Semi-professionals	198	$652,212	410
Government:			
Federal	43	$208,447	103
State	40	$242,316	143
Local	37	$146,930	92
Other:			
Farm, owners & workers	18	$ 20,346	46
Retired	45	$210,645	107
Not Reported	7	$ 20,360	20
TOTALS	1,311	$5,325,951	3,565

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TABLE 3: STATISTICS FROM VERMONT INCOME TAX RETURNS FROM NORTHFIELD - 1961

Gross Income	Number of Returns
Under $1,000	136
$1,000 - $2,000	156
$2,000 - $3,000	223
$3,000 - $4,000	253
$4,000 - $5,000	198
$5,000 - $10,000	302
$10,000 - $15,000	37
$15,000 - $20,000	3
Over $25,000	3

Total Gross Income: $,325,951

Total Number of Returns: 1,311

Total Number of Exemptions: 3,565

Average Gross Income of those Submitting Returns: $4,062

Average number of Exemptions of those Submitting Returns: 2.72

These returns include single individuals, marrieds filing jointly, marrieds filing separately, and over 65 age group.

Total Population of Northfield: 4,511.

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TABLE 4: AGES OF CHILDREN OF HEAD START FAMILIES

Age	Number of Boys	Number of Girls
1	6	5
2	7	7
3	3	5
4	11	8
5	8	11
6	18	14
7	4	3
8	3	8
9	3	7
10	10	4
11	4	3
12	2	4
13	3	2
14	2	1
15	--	2
16	--	3
17	--	2
18	--	1
Totals:	84	90

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TABLE 5: NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER FAMILY

Five Families have Two Children

Five Families have Three Children

Ten Families have Four Children

Eight Families have Five Children

Five Families have Six Children

Four Families have Seven Children

One Family has Ten Children

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TABLE 6: NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF HEAD START FAMILIES IN SCHOOL

Number of Families	Number of Children in School	Total
8	1	8
10	2	20
10	3	30
4	4	16
4	5	20
0	6	0
2	7	14
38		108 (2.84 average per family)

Number of Families	Number of Boys in School	Total
12	1	12
14	2	28
3	3	9
1	4	4
		53 Boys in School

Number of Families	Number of Girls in School	Total
10	1	10
8	2	15
5	3	16
2	4	8
1	6	6
		55 Girls in School

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TABLE 7: GRADE LEVEL OF SCHOOL CHILDREN OF HEAD START FAMILIES

Grade	Number of Children
1	34
2	9
3	10
4	14
5	10
6	7
7	4
8	5
9	2
10	1
11	3
12	1
Nursery School	4
Special School	3
Austine School	1
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TABLE 8: ENROLLMENT IN NORTHFIELD SCHOOL SYSTEM

Grades	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
1	98	91	91	80	84
2	80	97	94	77	86
3	83	75	88	91	92
4	83	84	71	89	95
5	86	82	80	65	72
6	98	86	74	77	79
7	77	102	86	77	77
8	70	70	98	81	83
9	73	86	75	104	109
10	68	82	80	71	73
11	64	63	77	81	84
12	87	59	56	69	72
Totals:	967	977	970	962	1,006

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TABLE 9: NUMBER OF NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO GO ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Year	Graduates	Number Continuing Education Or Training	Per Cent
1960	50	21	42%
1961	71	32	45%
1962	64	31	48%
1963	56	16	29%
1964	65	31	48%
1965	70	36	51%

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TABLE 10: NUMBER OF CHILDREN REPEATING GRADES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Year	Number Repeating
1960	23
1961	32
1962	20
1963	21
1964	17
1965	21

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APPENDIX A

ACCOUNT OF HEAD START ORIGINS, LOCAL REACTION, AND TYPICAL INTERVIEWS by Mrs. Gertrude Boyles

In April of 1965 I heard there was to be a meeting at the State Capitol that had "something to do with the kindergarten child." Because of a real concern for children I went to the meeting and for the first time was introduced to the words, "Head Start."

Filled with enthusiasm, hope and a desperate sense of urgency I returned to Northfield and the telephone. Two more people were found who responded to the magic of Head Start. Speed was a must for we had only a week in which to alert the community, do a survey and file our application. Within two days the whole idea was brought to the P.T.O. which voted to sponsor the program, then to the School Board who voted to provide space and equipment. With a great deal of hard work and dogged persistence the work got done and the application was filed on time.

Once we were approved, the response of the community was heartwarming. A Head Start party was organized by the teenagers. They circulated flyers of needed materials for the three centers we would be having. Everywhere they went they stopped to tell people about the program and what its aims were. Two days later they went around with cars and jeeps to collect. And what a collection! It was like Christmas in April.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce offered to handle transportation. This was an immense chore since we had not planned for and could not get school busses. The problem was complicated even further due to the fact that we had included free swimming lessons in our Head Start program. This meant that transportation not only had to be provided from home to school but also from school to pool which meant a distance of three miles from one center, two miles from the second center, and a mile from the third center. We persisted with the idea of including the swimming program since the Northfield Pool and Playground plays such an important part in a child's life here and we were aware of the fact that many of the Head Start children never participated in this valuable experience (indeed we found out later in the summer that some of the parents had never even seen the pool and playgound which was a real eye-opener since most of Northfield's children spend the biggest part of their summer days there!) The transportation problem was finally solved by parents banding together and taking turns at the pool run and we found a man with a love for children and a pick-up truck who brought the children in from the hills and valleys.

It was such a rich summer in so many ways that it would be impossible to list them all. A few specific and concrete instances of its benefits to this community are listed:

1. Forty-eight children were given an opportunity to start school with eager anticipation instead of fear.

2. They were prepared not only from a readiness standpoint, but also from one of health; they had been checked from top to bottom, had all shots brought up to date, aching teeth attended to, and glasses where needed. For the first time in Northfield's history all first graders could start off on somewhat the same equal ground.

3. One family who was about as low as one can get without falling all the way in, was literally saved from such a fate. They were "discovered" through Head Start, the youngest child brought into the Center, the mother given an opportunity to work in the Center and from this we learned of her capabilities and encouraged her and arranged for job interviews which all resulted in the very happy issue of this mother who had been on the verge of utter despair getting herself a good job, better housing conditions, and best of all, a whole new lease on life and a restoration of human dignity.

4. Three of the Head Start children who were found by the teachers to be unequal to the first grade were prevented from having to enter upon something which would have brought nothing but frustration and defeat. One of these children was placed in a Special School, the other two were provided tuition to continue another year of kindergarten on a private basis. (There is no public kindergarten in Northfield.)

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5. Over 100 people of the community were actively involved in the program.

6. One little boy will always have Head Start to thank for his eyesight. The doctor reported that had he gone much longer without corrective glasses, the condition would have been beyond repair.

7. Because of the summer Head Start program, a whole new attitude is upon the people. It came as quite a shock to some of our "solid citizens" to learn that there were children within our gates who had never held a pencil in their hands and who had never seen a book. Equally disturbing were the facts that some families had no water supply other than the brook, that many homes were without bathrooms and that some children were so hungry that two were found to be stealing bread from the early morning bread truck. Now that these unpleasant facts have been uncovered and the people have been confronted with them, there is a call to action by many concerned groups within the community.

It should be added that this study has provided another real step toward helping our Head Start families. The interviews were done by a local person who had worked closely with the summer Head Start program and thus had established friendly relationships with the families. Because of this it was easy to sit around the kitchen table and listen to problems and discuss opportunities. Most of the low income families haven't the vaguest notion as to

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what the Economic Opportunity Act is all about. They are so caught up in the day to day struggle of existence that they seem unable to think beyond their present condition. However, once they learned of the opportunities available to them, many responded eagerly. Consequently, what started out as a follow-up Head Start interview turned out to have added dividends. Some excerpts from notes on interviews follow:

Interview Excerpt 1

"This morning took me to the upstairs apartment where a one-parent family of six lives. It was shabby and there was nothing of beauty except the children themselves. A space heater provided the only heat. One bedroom was all that I could see. The mother was oh so glad to see someone. She let down quite a lot of her hair, but I suspect there is more. She would like to be a part of things, would like to go to something, bake some cookies or help on a supper, vote and know what is going on, but since she has not been able to pay her poll taxes, she does not feel she has a right to take part in anything in the town. She expressed disappointment over one of her childrens' report card. Last year this child had been doing "pretty good." It was learned that the child had broken her glasses in the spring and had not had them replaced. She cannot see the board without them. This mother used to do some typing. We discussed taking typing at the high school in the Adult Education Program this winter. She brightened right up, "Could I?", "How much would it cost?" How about baby sitters? She would not leave her 11 year old alone with the small children and the oil heater. We decided that these problems could all be handled and with a list of warm clothing needed for the children, I left for the next kitchen stop."

Interview Excerpt 2

"I had coffee with a charming young mother of four small children, the youngest of whom had just turned six. Before the questionnaire was completed I learned that the mother had never completed high school. She had such an inferiority complex about this that she never goes anywhere or gets into anything for fear someone will ask her about it. We talked about taking the equivalency test and having the local high school set up extra courses for her to study at home. What a shine in her eyes when she realized the possibilities! She will also take the typing course at the high school this winter. When I left this mother, her whole outlook was changed."

Interview Excerpt 3

"A cold November rain had turned the dirt yard into a mass of slippery mud. I made my way through the mud and scraped my feet the best I could before entering this very small home which houses seven children and their parents. This was a day when school was not in session and the children all trooped in to see what I was there for. This family has no running water, inadequate housing, and very few of life's comforts, but they are proud and uncomplaining. The father has steady work, but because of his lack of education he is not able to get a job which will pay adequate income. The mother has tried working out, but was unable to get qualified baby sitters and so gave up the idea. The father has to drive 12 miles to work so a car is necessary. The second-hand ones which are the only ones he can afford are always breaking down and the expense of keeping one on the road is one of this family's greatest problems. Housing is another. It is extremely difficult to find a rent when you have seven children, and there is no hope of buying a house. We talked about the possibility of the father getting into a re-training program, about his chances of being able to finish high school, about Neighborhood Youth Corps for the older children, and about surplus food commodities (which they are getting now). I am not at all certain that any of these ideas will take root with this family, but at least a seed of hope has been planted."

APPENDIX B

"ON DISCOVERING AND FULFILLING OUR MINISTRY IN NORTHFIELD"

By The Board of Deacons, United Church, Northfield, Vermont

The Board of Deacons is seeking to discover where and how the Church's ministry to find the lost, heal the broken, feed the hungry, release the prisoner and bring peace among brothers may be carried out in our own community. This has led them to consider the needs of some families in our town which have been brought to the foreground through this summer's Head Start Program. As is always the case, such needs are not only for "things"--though certainly many things are needed--but are also for persons. Thus the Deacons are seeking to determine ways in which we as a church might meet people person-to-person and in this way carry out our Lord's ministry in the world. You will be hearing much more of this in the coming months.

Meanwhile, we do know of families at this time who need blankets, boots, shoes, and snowsuits. Some do not have enough blankets. Some do not have adequate footwear--both inner and outer--for the winter. Others need snowsuits. One family in particular needs all of these things. Thus the Deacons want to proclaim this Sunday a BOOT and BLANKET DAY. When you come to worship, bring extra blankets that you have, bring boots and shoes that your children have outgrown but are still in good condition, bring snowsuits in the same condition. Specifically, we need snowsuits or jackets for girls ages 9, 8, 6, 5, 4, and 2. We need boots size 4, 12, 12, 9, and 6. We need shoes of similar sizes. We need blankets for all ages. Bring them--place them in the box which will be on the stairs as you enter.

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FIRST SECTION

1. Did you like the Head Start Program?
   Yes   No   Indifferent

2. How did it help your child?
   Socially   School readiness   Behavior   Self-confidence   Other

3. Would you like to have Head Start on a year-around basis?
   Yes   No   Indifferent

4. Would you be willing to work on such a program?
   In what ways?   Time   Money   Supplies   Transportation   Other

5. What did you like most about the Head Start Program?

6. Anything about it you didn't like, or thought could be improved?

7. Did you find the Parents' Meeting helpful in any way?

8. Do you feel that the program is unfair to rich parents who weren't allowed to send their children?
   Yes   No   Why?

9. Do feel the government should help parents who can't afford private nursery schools?

11894 **SECOND SECTION**

1. How many children do you have?
Ages of boys   Ages of girls

2. Are there many children in the neighborhood?
Yes   No   How many?

3. Does your (Head Start) child spend much time playing with other children?
Yes   No   How many hours per day?

4. Does your child spend much time playing with brothers and sisters?
Yes   No   How many hours per day?

5. How does your child spend other time?
Toys (dolls, blocks, etc.)   t.v.   art work   with you   with father
Inside   Outside   Other

6. Does he like to be read to?
Yes   No   How many hours per day?

7. Does he get along well with his brothers and sisters? Yes   No
Any he doesn't get along with particularly well?

8. Does he have any particular close friends? Yes   No

9. Do your children belong to any of these groups?
Scouts   4H   Sunday School   Other

10. Do your children go to the playground or pool? Yes   No

11. What do you do for family fun?
Trips   Picnics   Birthday parties   Other

12. What organizations do you (and/or husband) belong to?
PTO   Church groups   Fraternal groups   Other

13. Do they play much of a part in your lives? Yes   No
Hours spent weekly

con't

SECOND SECTION con't.

14. Do you or your husband take part in civic affairs? Yes No
Town meetings Elections Political groups Other

15. How do you feel about Northfield as a place to live?
Good Bad Indifferent
Why?

16. How do you feel it could be made a better place to live?

17. Do you feel that you could do anything to improve the community?
Yes No
What?

THIRD SECTION

1. How many children do you have in school?
boys girls

2. What grades are they in?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

3. Do they seem to like school?
Which ones yes? Which ones no?

4. Have any of your children had to stay back a year?
Yes No Which ones?

5. Have they had other troubles in school?
Yes No What?

6. If they have trouble, who do you go to for help?
Teacher Other parents Church Other

7. Do you feel your children are fairly well prepared to start school?
Yes No

8. Have you met most of the children's teachers?
Yes No how many?

9. Do you know the Principal? Yes No
Superintendent of Schools? Yes No
School Board members? Yes No

10. How do you feel about the school system in Northfield?
Good Bad Indifferent

11. Do you feel it could help your children more?
Yes No
How?

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ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF

NORTHFIELD
VERMONT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1964

— TOWN MEETING —

MARCH 2, 1965 — 9 A. M. E. S. T.

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WARNING

ANNUAL TOWN & TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The inhabitants of the Town and Town School District, who are legal voters, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the High School Auditorium in the Town and Village of Northfield, Vermont, March 2nd, A. D. 1965, at 9:00 o'clock in the Forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, to hear and act upon the following matters of business, to wit:

Art. 1 To elect a Moderator.

Art. 2 To hear and act upon the several reports of the Town and Town School District Officers.

Art. 3 To elect one Town School Director for a term of three (3) years. (Australian Ballot)

Art. 4 To elect two (2) Town School Directors for a term of one (1) year. (Australian Ballot)

Art. 5 To elect all requisite Town Officers. (Australian Ballot)

Art. 6 To see if the voters of the Northfield Town School District will approve the budget of the School Directors as prepared for the school year July 1, 1965, through June 30, 1966.

Art. 7 To see if the voters of the Northfield Town School District will vote a sum of money for school expenses, and, if so, how much? (Recommended, $267,967.00)

Art. 8 "Shall the voters of Northfield and the Northfield Town School District vote to employ the Winooski Valley Family Consultation Service, Inc., to work with the children in the schools of Northfield? If so voted, to raise the sum of $950.00 by taxes upon the Grand List of the Town to pay for same." (Requested by Petition)

Art. 9 Will the voters of Northfield Town School District authorize the School Directors to spend an amount not to exceed $1,500.00 to participate in a professional study of area educational problems in relationship to a possible larger supervisory school district, and, if so, will they vote $1,500.00 for this purpose?

Art. 10 "Will the voters of the Northfield Town School District vote to elect twelve taxpayers to form an Advisory Committee to the School Board to survey the present and future needs of the schools of Northfield for the ensuing year? If so, elect twelve (12) members?" (Requested by Petition)

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Art. 11 To see if the voters will vote a sum of money for support of the Brown Public Library, and, if so, how much? (Recommended, $4,500.00)

Art. 12 To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for Memorial Day flags, and, if so, how much? (Recommended, $75.00)

Art. 13 To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the support and assistance of the District Nurse Association, and, if so, how much? (Recommended, $1,600.00)

Art. 14 To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the support of the Northfield Memorial Park, Inc., and, if so, how much? (Requested, $700.00)

Art. 15 To see if the Town will vote a tax on the Grand List of the Town Highway District, and, if so, how much? (Recommended, $15,500.00)

Art. 16 To see if the Town will vote a tax on the Grand List of the Town to defray expenses, and, if so, how much? (Recommended, $64,949.25)

Art. 17 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to defray current expenses of the Town and Town School District.

Art. 18 To see if the Town and Town School District will designate the time for payment of Poll and Old Age Assistance Taxes, the person to whom the taxes shall be paid, whether such Poll Taxes will be paid with or without discount.

Art. 19 To see if the Town and Town School District will vote to collect taxes on Real and Personal Property in installments, the person to whom such taxes will be paid, and whether with or without discount.

Art. 20 To see if licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages shall be granted in this town.

Art. 21 To see if licenses for the sale of spirituous liquor shall be granted in this town.

Art. 22 To do any other business proper to be done when met.

Norman M. Appelget, *Chairman*
Paul W. Culver
Board of Selectmen
Town of Northfield

Dated at Northfield, Vt., this 12th day of February, A. D. 1965

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Town of Northfield

BUDGET SUMMARY

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES		**$148,530.40**
Estimated Revenue	**$ 91,198.10**	
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1965	2,383.05	
		$ 93,581.15
Amount Required to Balance Budget		**$ 54,949.25**
Add Estimated 1965 Delinquent Taxes		10,000.00
To Be Raised by Town General Tax		**$ 64,949.25**

(Revenues follow)

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REVENUES

	Actual 1963	Actual 1964	Proposed 1965
Licenses			
Malt and Vinous Beverages	$ 712.50	$ 675.00	$ 675.00
Dog	1,266.00	1,286.00	1,300.00
Junkyard	25.00	.00	.00
	$ 2,003.50	$ 1,961.00	$ 1,975.00
Cemeteries			
Licenses			
Lots and Care	$ 1,509.85	$ 1,999.00	$ 2,000.00
Trust Fund Income	3,176.30	3,230.11	3,000.00
	$ 4,686.15	$ 5,229.11	$ 5,000.00
Welfare Refunds	$ 4,598.53	$ 6,937.76	$ 6,000.00
Highway			
Village Highway Tax	$ 1,900.00	$ 1,900.00	$ 2,000.00
Gas Tax—Town Highway	16,629.69	16,080.00	18,450.00
Gas Tax—Winter Maint.	2,256.15	1,445.75	1,537.00
Retreatment—State Aid	1,964.99	2,872.74	3,000.00
Dust Laying—State Aid	172.50	109.45	110.00
Graveling—State Aid	172.50	172.50	172.50
Maint. Connect'g SA1 & SA2	454.50	454.50	454.50
Town Highway Tax at $1.00	10,500.70	12,700.00	15,500.00
Winter Maint.—State Aid	.00	842.90	850.00
Bridge Const. (Lovers Lane)—State Aid	15,546.76	.00	.00
	$ 49,597.79	$ 36,577.84	$ 42,074.00
Taxes			
Delinq. Taxes, Int'st, W'nts.	$ 7,948.35	$ 12,617.73	$ 10,000.00
Collector's Fees	616.50	.00	.00
Town Clerk's Fees	2,390.70	2,310.25	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	7,520.00	7,350.00	7,350.00
	$ 18,475.55	$ 22,277.98	$ 19,350.00
Receivables			
H'way State Aid SA1 & SA2	$ 4,951.45	.00	.00
Village Administrative	4,869.98	4,410.22	5,040.75
School Administrative	6,241.07	7,292.20	7,150.00
Electric Dept. (School)	2,550.00	2,550.00	3,000.00
Electric Dept. (Green Mt.)	1,608.35	1,608.35	1,608.35
Miscellaneous	161.34	.00	.00
	$ 20,382.19	$ 15,860.77	$ 16,799.10
Cash on Hand	$ 21,719.51	$ 1,972.12	$ 2,383.05
GRAND TOTAL	$121,463.22	$90,816.58	$93,581.15

(Expenditures follow)

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EXPENDITURES

	Actual 1963	Actual 1964	Proposed 1965
Salaries, Administrative			
Auditors	$ 90.00	$ 150.00	$ 150.00
Board of Civil Authority	564.36	158.75	175.00
Constable	50.00	50.00	50.00
Listers	1,670.15	1,561.55	1,250.00
Selectmen	450.00	500.00	500.00
Town Clerk and Treasurer	7,000.00	7,134.33	7,000.00
Clerical (Clerk, Treas., Listers)	2,983.90	3,017.00	3,260.00
Town Manager	7,067.27	6,000.00	6,850.00
Clerical (Manager's Office)	3,224.00	3,354.00	3,328.00
Miscellaneous	.00	189.00	.00
	$ 23,099.68	$ 22,114.63	$ 22,563.00
Expense, Administration			
Binding	$ 124.35	$ 105.40	$ 125.00
Bonds, Town Officials	52.50	60.00	100.00
Civil Defense	46.15	7.20	75.00
Elections and Town Meeting	262.20	723.09	500.00
Dump Rent	500.00	500.00	500.00
Health	68.00	62.26	100.00
Hydrant Rental	300.00	300.00	300.00
Insurance (Compensation)	1,952.20	1,547.35	2,000.00
Insurance (Social Security)	1,731.55	1,766.01	1,900.00
Interest—Current Notes	1,522.67	2,066.00	2,500.00
Legal	277.00	430.25	1,000.00
Manager's Car	237.86	.00	250.00
Office Equipment	282.35	206.20	300.00
Postage	378.41	253.58	325.00
Printing	445.25	669.17	700.00
Rent	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tax Rebate, Abatem't, Refunds	23.83	1,493.57	800.00
Telephone	600.49	369.03	450.00
Town Report	1,085.00	1,066.65	1,150.00
Supplies	1,345.06	989.60	1,100.00
Delinquent Taxes	93.17	30.53	75.00
Miscellaneous	1,656.35	495.24	1,000.00
	$ 13,984.39	$ 14,141.13	$ 16,250.00
Public Safety			
Police	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00
Fire	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,000.00

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EXPENDITURES—Continued	Actual 1963	Actual 1964	Proposed 1965
State and County Taxes			
County Tax	$ 445.88	$ 758.39	$ 1,250.00
Extension Service Tax	546.22	577.94	650.00
Old Age Assistance	7771.50	7,609.50	8,000.00
State Highway Assessment	2,567.40	2,567.40	2,567.40
	$ 11,331.00	$ 11,513.23	$ 12,467.40
Special Appropriations			
Cemetery Wall Rebuilding	$ .00	$ 1,310.40	$ 100.00
Brown Public Library	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,500.00
Memorial Day	50.00	.00	50.00
Memorial Flags	77.15	63.26	75.00
Memorial Park	500.00	500.00	700.00
Northfield Falls Water	500.00	500.00	500.00
District Nurse	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Dog Damage and Expense	74.62	40.41	75.00
Reappraisal Fund	1,500.00	2,507.25	1,600.00
Town Home Repairs	1,234.24	.00	2,000.00
	$ 9,536.01	$ 10,521.32	$ 11,200.00
Cemeteries			
Salaries	$ 4,869.62	$ 4,800.00	$ 5,000.00
Materials	740.18	439.82	550.00
	$ 5,609.80	$ 5,239.82	$ 5,550.00
Welfare	$ 21,648.84	$ 17,152.37	$ 22,000.00
Highways and Bridges			
Bridge Maintenance	$ 933.26	$ 2,721.06	$ 2,500.00
Bridge Construction, State Aid	19,871.89	.00	.00
Winter Maintenance (Net)	26,941.09	19,637.87	19,000.00
Selected Roads Summer Maint	666.58	2,175.54	600.00
Selected Roads Bitum. Retreat.	3,072.90	7,165.37	2,400.00
Unselected Rds. Summer Maint	22,451.49	17,833.75	18,000.00
Lighting	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Freeman Road Project	2,628.08	.00	.00

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EXPENDITURES—Continued	Actual 1963	Actual 1964	Proposed 1965
TH 6N Union Brook	$ 1,338.63	$ .00	$ .00
TH 25 West Hill	49.50	.00	.00
TH 86 Stoney Brook	3,008.37	9,970.08	.00
TH 34 Dole Hill	811.90	.00	.00
TH 53 Winch Hill	4,976.61	.00	.00
TH 75 Mill Hill Loop Road	1,490.00	.00	.00
TH 47 Jennett Road	.00	1,614.62	.00
Berlin Pond Road	.00	753.34	.00
Miscellaneous	.00	577.06	.00
	$ 89,240.30	$ 63,449.29	$ 43,500.00
Payables			
Payment on Notes	$ 17,674.45	$ 10,000.00	$ 8,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	$199,124.47	$161,131.79	$148,530.40

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GENERAL FUND

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TWO-YEAR PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964

Town of Northfield

	Dec. 31, '6	Dec. 31, '64
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash Accounts:—		
Town General Fund	$ 1,972.12	$ 2,383.05
Town Equipment Fund	4,774.48	1,178.10
Delinquent Taxes:—		
Town General Fund	32,594.09	$ 34,624.85
Less 2% Estimated Uncollectable	(651.88)	(696.56)
Less Abatements	(465.23)	(1,787.34)
Total Current Assets	**38,223.58**	**$ 35,702.10**
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Notes Payable:—		
Northfield Trust Company—		
Appraisal Note	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00
Current Notes	17,325.55	7,325.55
	$ 18,825.55	$ 8,825.55
Current Increase	**$ 19,398.03**	**$ 26,876.55**
Capital Gain	**$ 7,478.52**	

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TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

1964

	Income or Earnings	Expense
Cash Balance January 1, 1964	$ 4,774 48	
Austin Western Grader (99H)	3,801.00	277.87
Austin Western Grader (300)	4,437.00	706.76
Interest January 1, 1964		273.00
Interest July 1, 1964		273.00
Payment on Principal, July 1, 1964		2,600.00
Case Loader	133.00	130.61
G. M. C.	2,916.70	694.76
Garage Maintenance		5,318.22
Michigan 75A (½ Cost & Receipts, Town)	3,202.91	414.62
Photo Copies	23.38	
Swanson Highway Spreaders		52.13
Saw, Brush	120.00	
Saw, Chain	322.00	70.65
Rake, York	38.00	
Reo	2,460.90	482.93
Thawer, Culvert	48.00	
TD-14 Tractor	803.00	79.00
Miscellaneous	167.98	
Arc Welder and Wheels		225.66
Transportation—Manager's Car, 1963		61.65
Express		5.52
Rental—Chain Saw		12.00
Wiring and Welding—Tn. Garage		25.05
Transfer from Equipment Fund to Town General		10,366.82
Cash on Hand December 31, 1964		1,178.10
Totals	**$ 23,248.35**	**$ 23,248.35**

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STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

TOWN AND VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT

1964

GRAND LIST				
Town:				
Real Estate	$1,326,213.00 x 1%	$ 13,262.13		
Personal Estate	132,335.00 x 1%	1,323.35		
Total Town General Property			$ 14,585.48	
Polls	710 at $1.00		710.00	
Total Town Grand List				**$ 15,295.48**
Village:				
Real Estate	$1,918,927.00 x 1%	$ 19,189.27		
Personal Estate	583,845.00 x 1%	5,838.45		
Total Village General Property			$ 25,027.72	
Polls	986 at $1.00		986.00	
Total Village Grand List				**$ 26,01[illegible]72**
TOTAL Town and Village Grand List				**$ 41,309.20**
TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED				
Town:				
General Property	$14,585.48 x $9.39	$136,957.66		
Deduct Fractional Loss		9.84		
Total Town General Property			$136,947.82	
Polls	$710.00 x $9.39		6,666.90	
Old Age Assistance	710 x $5.00		3,550.00	
Total Town Taxes Assessed and Billed				**$147,164.72**
Village:				
General Property	$25,027.72 x $9.63	$241,016.94		
Deduct—Tax Grant to Nfld. Mills Co., Inc.		31,578.03		
Fractional Loss		9.84		
Total Village General Property			$209,429.07	
Polls—$986.00 x $9.63			9,495.18	
Old Age Assistance	986 at $5.00		4,930.00	
Total Village Taxes Assessed and Billed				**$223,854.25**
TOTAL Town and Village Taxes Assessed and Billed				**$371,018.97**

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STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED—Continued

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

Town:			
General Property			
Collections	$130,502.41		
Delinquent	6,445.41	$136,947.82	
Polls			
Collections	$ 5,756.07		
Delinquent	910.83	$ 6,666.90	
Old Age Assistance			
Collections	$ 3,065.00		
Delinquent	485.00	$ 3,550.00	
TOTAL TOWN TAXES Accounted for			**$147,164.72**
Village:			
General Property			
Collections	$202,027.19		
Delinquent	7,401.88	$209,429.07	
Polls			
Collections	$ 8,252.91		
Delinquent	1,242.27	$ 9,495.18	
Old Age Assistance			
Collections	$ 4,285.00		
Delinquent	645.00	$ 4,930.00	
TOTAL VILLAGE TAXES Accounted for			**$223,854.25**
TOTAL TOWN AND VILLAGE TAXES Accounted for			**$371,018.97**

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STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED -Continued

DISTRIBUTION OF NET TAXES

Collections:			
General Property			
Town	$130,502.41		
Village	202,027.19	$332,529.60	
Polls			
Town	$ 5,756.07		
Village	8,252.91	$ 14,008.98	
Old Age Assistance			
Town	$ 3,065.00		
Village	4,285.00	$ 7,350.00	
TOTAL TAX COLLECTIONS			**$353,8[illegible]58**
Distribution:			
Town General Fund	$ 60,962.55		
Town Highway Fund	12,700.00		
Town School Fund	245,497.70		
Total Town Collections		$319,160.25	
Old Age Assistance		7,350.00	
Village General Fund	$ 19,778.33		
Village Highway Fund	7,600.00		
Total Village Collections		**$ 27,378.33**	
Total Tax Collections			**$353,888.58**

STATEMENT OF BUDGETARY INCOME

GENERAL FUND

Town of Northfield, Vermont

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964

	Estimated	Actual	Excess (Unrealized)
Licenses:			
Beer and Vinous Beverages	$ 675.00	$ 675.00	$
Dog	1,300.00	1,286.00	(14.00)
Total Licenses	**$ 1,975.00**	**$ 1,961.00**	**($ 14.00)**
Town Clerk Fees	**$ 2,000.00**	**$ 2,310.25**	**$ 310.25**
Cemeteries:			
Sale and Care of Lots	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,999.00	($ 1.00)
Trust Fund Income	2,800.00	3,230.11	430.11
Total Cemeteries	**$ 4,800.00**	**$ 5,229.11**	**$ 429.11)**
Welfare	**$ 5,000.00**	**$ 6,957.76**	**$ 1,957.76**
Current Taxes:			
Town General Fund	$ 75,943.24	$ 60,962.55	($ 14,980.69)
Town Highway Fund	12,700.00	12,700.00	
Old Age Assistance	7,400.00	7,350.00	(50.00)
Village Highway Fund	1,900.00	1,900.00	
Total Current Taxes	**$ 97,943.24**	**$ 82,912.55**	**($ 15,030.69)**
Delinquent Taxes:			
Taxes and Warrants	$ 10,000.00	$ 12,147.54	$ 2,147.54)
Interest		470.19	470.19)
Total Delinquent Taxes	**$ 10,000.00**	**$ 12,617.73**	**$ 2,617.73**
Village Electric Department:			
School Electric Receipts	$ 2,550.00	$ 2,550.00	$
Green Mountain Property	1,608.00	1,608.35	.35
Total Village Electric Dept.	**$ 4,158.00**	**$ 4,158.35**	**$ .35**

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General Fund Budgetary Income—Continued

	Estimated	Actual	Excess (Unrealized)
State of Vermont—Highways:			
State Gas Tax, Town Highways	$ 18,700.00	$ 16,080.00	($ 2,620.00)
State Gas Tax, Winter Maint.	1,530.00	1,445.75	84.25)
Retreatment State Aid	2,750.00	2,872.74	122.74
Dust Laying State Aid	181.50	109.45	(72.05)
Graveling State Aid	172.50	172.50	
Maintenance Connecting SA 1 & 2	454.50	454.50	
Winter Maintenance State Aid		842.90	842.90
Total State Aid Highways	**$ 23,788.50**	**$ 21,977.84**	**($ 1,810.66)**
Administrative Charges to other funds:			
Village of Northfield	$ 5,238.34	$ 4,410.22	($ 828.12)
Town School Fund	7,292.20	7,292.20	
Total Administrative Charges to other funds	**$ 12,530.54**	**$ 11,702.42**	**($ 828.12)**
Miscellaneous:			
State of Vermont, Waterbury cases	$	$ 852.04	$ 852.04
Town Equipment Fund, Grant		10,366.82	10,366.82
Excess in Tax Account		28.06	28.06
Total Miscellaneous	**$ .00**	**$ 11,246.92**	**$ 11,246.92**
TOTAL Budgetary Income	**$162,195.28**	**$161,073.93**	**($ 1,121.35)**

(Disbursements follow)

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STATEMENT OF BUDGETARY DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

Town of Northfield, Vermont

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964

	Estimated	Actual	Unexpended (Deficiency)
ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES:			
Auditors	$ 150.00	$ 150.00	$
Board of Civil Authority	275.00	158.75	116.25
Constable	50.00	50.00	
Listers	1,500.00	1,561.55	(61.55)
Selectmen	500.00	500.00	
Town Clerk and Treasurer	7,000.00	7,134.33	(134.33)
Clerical—Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Listers	3,000.00	3,017.00	(17.00)
Town Manager	6,500.00	6,000.00	500.00
Clerical, Town Manager's Office	3,225.00	3,354.00	(129.00)
Miscellaneous Wages		189.00	(189.00)
Total Administrative Salaries	**$ 22,200.00**	**$ 22,114.63**	**$ 85.37)**
Administrative Expense:			
Binding	$ 100.00	$ 105.40	($ 5.40)
Bonds, Town Officials	75.00	60.00	15.00
Civil Defense	75.00	7.20	67.80
Election and Town Meeting	600.00	723.09	(123.09)
Dump Rent	500.00	500.00	
Health	75.00	62.26	12.74
Hydrant Rental	300.00	300.00	
Insurance Compensation	1,800.00	1,547.35	252.65
Insurance Social Security	1,800.00	1,766.01	33.99
Interest, Current Notes	1,000.00	2,066.00	(1,066.00)
Legal	250.00	430.25	(180.25)
Office Equipment	300.00	206.20	93.80
Postage	250.00	253.58	(3.58)
Printing	450.00	669.17	(219.17)
Rent	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Tax Rebate and Abatement	300.00	94.77	205.23
Telephone	400.00	369.03	30.97
Town Report	1,000.00	1,066.65	(66.65)
Supplies	1,000.00	989.60	10.40
Delinquent Tax Supplies	75.00	30.53	44.47

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Budgetary Disbursements—Continued

	Estimated	Actual	Unexpended (Deficiency)
Miscellaneous	450.00	495.24	(45.24)
Refund on 1963 Taxes by County Board		1,398.80	(1,398.80)
Total Administrative Expense	**$ 11,800.00**	**$ 14,141.13**	**($ 2,341.13)**
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	$
Fire	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Total Public Safety	**$ 7,000.00**	**$ 7,000.00**	
STATE AND COUNTY TAXES:			
County Tax	$ 450.00	$ 758.39	($ 308.39)
Extension Service Tax	550.00	577.94	(27.94)
Old Age Assistance	8,000.00	7,609.50	390.50
State Highway Assessment	2,567.40	2,567.40	
Total State and County Taxes	**$ 11,567.40**	**$ 11,513.23**	**$ 54.17**
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:			
Rebuilding Cemetery Wall	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,310.40	($ 10.40)
Brown Public Library	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Memorial Day	50.00		50.00
Memorial Day Flags	75.00	63.26	11.74
Memorial Park	500.00	500.00	
Northfield Falls Water	500.00	500.00	
District Nurse	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Dog Damage and Expense	75.00	40.41	34.59
Reappraisal Fund	1,500.00	2,507.25	(1,007.25)
Town Home Repairs	2,000.00		2,000.00
Total Special Appropriations	**$ 11,600.00**	**$ 10,521.32**	**$ 1,078.68**

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Budgetary Disbursements—Continued

	Estimated	Actual	Unexpended (Deficiency)
CEMETERIES:			
Salaries	$ 4,800.00	$ 4,800.00	
Materials	600.00	439.82	160.18
Total Cemeteries	**$ 5,400.00**	**$ 5,239.82**	**$ 160.18**
Welfare	**$ 22,000.00**	**$ 17,152.37**	**$ 4,847.63**
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:			
Bridge Maintenance	$ 1,500.00	$ 2,721.06	($ 1,221.06)
Winter Maintenance—Net	16,500.00	19,637.87	($ 3,137.87)
Selected Roads—			
Summer Maintenance	600.00	2,175.54	(1,575.54)
Bituminous Retreatment	3,000.00		3,000.00
Unselected Roads—			
Summer Maintenance	18,000.00	17,833.75	166.25
Union Brook Project No. 6	12,000.00		12,000.00
Other—			
Stoney Brook Project No. 8		9,970.08	(9,970.08)
Jennett Road Project No. 47		1,614.62	(1,614.62)
Union Brook Project No. 8		2,783.76	(2,783.76)
Berlin Pond Road Project No. 5		753.34	(753.34)
Mill Hill Project No. 3		4,381.61	(4,381.61)
Lighting	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous		577.66	(577.66)
Total Highways and Bridges	**$ 52,600.00**	**$ 63,449.29**	**($ 10,849.29)**
NOTE PAYABLE, Northfield Tr. Co.	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	
TOTAL Budgetary Disbursements	**$154,167.40**	**$161,131.79**	**($ 6,964.39)**

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

Town of Northfield, Vermont

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964

RECEIPTS:

Budgetary Operations—		
Licenses	$ 1,961.00	
Town Clerk Fees	2,310.25	
Cemeteries	5,229.11	
Welfare	6,957.76	
Current Taxes	82,912.55	
Delinquent Taxes	12,617.73	
Village Electric Department	4,158.35	
State of Vermont—Highways	21,977.84	
Administrative Charges to other Funds	11,702.42	
Miscellaneous	11,246.92	
Total Budgetary Receipts		**$161,073.93**
Non-Budgetary Operations—		
Tax Anticipation Notes	$ 74,000.00	
Sale of Services and Supplies	517.62	
Town School Fund Tax Appropriation	245,497.70	
Miscellaneous	8,999.37	
Total Non-Budgetary Receipts		**$329,014.69**
TOTAL Receipts		**$490,088.62**
Cash on Hand January 1, 1964		$ 1,972.12
Total Funds Available		**$492,060.74**

(Disbursements follow)

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General Fund Receipts & Disbursements—Continued

DISBURSEMENTS:

Budgetary Operations—

Administrative Salaries	$ 22,114.63	
Administrative Expense	14,141.13	
Public Safety	7,000.00	
State and County Taxes	11,513.23	
Special Appropriations	10,521.32	
Cemeteries	5,239.82	
Welfare	17,152.37	
Highways and Bridges	63,449.29	
Note Payable, Northfield Trust Co.	10,000.00	
Total Budgetary Disbursements		**$161,131.79**

Non-Budgetary Operations—

Tax Anticipation Notes	$ 74,000.00	
Sale of Services and Supplies	5,372.07	
Town School Fund Tax Appropriation	245,497.70	
Miscellaneous	3,676.13	
Total Non-Budgetary Disbursements		**$328,545.90**
TOTAL Disbursements		**$489,677.69**
Cash on Hand December 31, 1964		$ 2,383.05
		$492,060.74

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
GENERAL FUND
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
January 1, 1964, through December 31, 1964

RECEIPTS:		
Budgetary Operations—		
State Aid:		
Average Daily Membership	$ 93,628.11	
Vocational	4,991.54	
Buildings	900.83	
Adult Education	135.67	
		$ 99,656.15
Lease Land Rent:		
Town School Fund	$ 107.84	
Grammar School Fund	46.50	
		$ 154.34
Tuition:		
Other Town School Districts	$ 17,996.29	
Individuals	1,358.03	
		$ 19,354.32
Tax Appropriation:		
Deposited in General Fund	$ 95,497.70	
Temporary Investments	150,000.00	
		$245,497.70
Miscellaneous:		
Interest, Temporary Investments	$ 863.05	
St. John's Church, Rent	373.00	
Refunds	776.02	
W. D. Gallagher	1,225.58	
Bus Savings Account	4,000.00	
Other	138.65	
		$ 7,376.30
Total Budgetary Receipts		**$372,038.81**
Non-Budgetary Operations—		
Temporary Investments Matured:		
Certificates of Deposit		$140,000.00
TOTAL Receipts		**$512,038.81**
Cash on Hand January 1, 1964		$ 5,336.33
Total Funds Available		**$517,375.14**
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Budgetary Operations—		**$364,164.24**
Cash on Hand December 31, 1964:		
General Fund	$ 3,210.90	
Temporary Investments	150,000.00	$153,210.90
		$517,375.14

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

HOT LUNCH AND MILK ACCOUNT

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, NORTHFIELD, VERMONT

January 1, 1964, through December 31, 1964

RECEIPTS:			
State of Vermont—			
Reimbursements:			
Lunch	$ 1,163.47		
Milk	1,419.25		
		$ 2,582.72	
Individuals—			
Lunch:			
Children	$ 5,292.18		
Adults	50.00		
		$ 5,342.18	
Milk:			
Children		$ 1,355.16	
Total Receipts			**$ 9,280.06**
Cash on Hand January 1, 1964			906.30
Total Funds Available			**$ 10,186.36**
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Food	$ 2,602.32		
Milk	3,250.24		
		$ 5,852.56	
Labor		2,218.00	
All Other		947.33	
Total Disbursements			**$ 9,017.89**
Cash on Hand December 31, 1964			1,168.47
			$ 10,186.36

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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL BONDED DEBT

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, NORTHFIELD, VERMONT

Two-Year Period Ended December 31, 1964

		December 31, 1964		December 31, 1963
ASSETS				
Bond and Interest Retirement Pledged Against Future Income		**$225,250.00**		**$250,785.00**
LIABILITIES				
Refunding Bonds—				
Northfield Falls School:				
Issue of 1948—Bonds Numbered 1-30 at $1,000.00—Payable $2,000.00 Annually for 10 Years, then $1,000.00 Annually—2½%	$ 30,000.00		$ 30,000.00	
Less: Redemptions to date:				
No. 1-25			$ 25,000.00	$ 5,000.00
No. 1-26	$ 26,000.00	$ 4,000.00		
Interest Payable in future years		$ 250.00		$ 375.00
Total Outstanding—Issue of 1948		**$ 4,250.00**		**$ 5,375.00**
Northfield High School—				
Issue of 1954—Bonds Numbered 1-400 at $1,000.00, Payable $20,000.00 Annually—2.10%	$400,000.00		$400,000.00	
Less: Redemptions to date:				
No. 1-180			$180,000.00	$220,000.00
No. 1-200	$200,000.00	$200,000.00		
Interest payable in future years		$ 21,000.00		$ 25,410.00
Total Outstanding—Issue of 1954		**$221,000.00**		**$245,410.00**
TOTAL Bonds and Interest Payable		**$225,250.00**		**$250,785.00**

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LEASE LAND RENTS

STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND COLLECTIONS

Town of Northfield, Vermont

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964

	School Funds				
	County Grammar School Fund	Town School District Fund	Sub-Total	Ministerial Fund	Total
Unpaid Lease Land Rents—January 1, 1964	$ 59.05	$ 45.67	$ 104.72	$ 91.69	$ 196.41
1964 Charges	60.85	115.23	176.08	38.46	214.54
Total Funds Available	**$ 119.90**	**$ 160.90**	**$ 280.80**	**$ 130.15**	**$ 410.95**
1964 Collections	$ 52.50	89.21	141.71	18.59	160.30
Unpaid Lease Land Rents—December 31, 1964	$ 67.40	$ 71.69	$ 139.09	$ 111.56	$ 250.65
	$ 119.90	**$ 160.90**	**$ 280.80**	**$ 130.15**	**$ 410.95**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Town of Northfield, Vermont

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964

	Total	Aldrich
Trust Fund Principal—January 1, 1964	**$ 84,238.27**	$ 400.00
Receipts—		
Dividends:		
Mutual Funds	$ 939.16	$
Treasury Bonds	1,162.50	
Saving Accounts	1,484.45	16.67
Total Dividends	**$ 3,586.11**	**$ 16.67**
New Accounts:		
J. W. Slack Lot	$ 200.00	
Lewis Fisher	200.00	
Pearl Abbott	100.00	
Abbie Dillingham	200.00	
Edythe Willey	100.00	
Edith M. Blackford	100.00	
J. Bradley Buck	200.00	
Arlette M. Drought	100.00	
Robert Brown	55.00	
Floyd Maloney	200.00	
Jennie Staples	200.00	
Gordon L. Merritt, Sr.	100.00	
Helen H. Reynolds	100.00	
Frank S. Avery	200.00	
Ruth S. Mann	100.00	
Sylvia A. Webb	200.00	
Mrs. Donald Sistare	100.00	
Arthur B. Thatcher	200.00	
Matilda Thompson	150.00	
Total New Accounts	**$ 2,805.00**	**$**
Totals	**$ 90,629.38**	**$ 416.67**
Disbursements—		
Care of Lots:		
Town General Fund	$ 3,230.11	$ 16.67
St. John's Church	80.64	
Northfield Falls Association	275.36	
Total Disbursements	**$ 3,586.11**	**$ 1**
Trust Fund Principal—December 31, 1964	**$ 87,043.27**	**$ 400.00**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Town of Northfield, Vermont

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984

Calvary	St. John's	Elmwood	Mt. Hope	Nfld. Falls
$ 750.00	$ 1,185.00	$ 33,008.36	$ 40,887.52	$ 8,007.39
		$ 469.58	$ 469.58	
		505.69	604.50	52.31
31.26	49.38	443.32	668.46	275.36
$ 31.26	**$ 49.38**	**$ 1,418.59**	**$ 1,742.54**	**$ 327.67**
	$	$ 200.00	$	$
		200.00		
			100.00	
			200.00	
			100.00	
			100.00	
			200.00	
			100.00	
			55.00	
			200.00	
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			100.00	
			100.00	
			200.00	
			100.00	
			200.00	
				100.00
				200.00
				150.00
$	**$**	**$ 400.00**	**$ 1,955.00**	**$ 450.00**
$ 781.26	**$ 1,234.38**	**$ 34,826.95**	**$ 44,585.06**	**$ 8,785.06**
$	$	$ 1,418.59	$ 1,742.54	$ 52.31*
31.26	49.38			275.36
31.26	**$ 49.38**	**$ 1,418.59**	**$ 1,742.54**	**$ 327.67**
$ 750.00	**$ 1,185.00**	**$ 33,408.36**	**$ 42,842.52**	**$ 8,457.39**

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Town of Northfield, Vermont

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

EVALUATION OF MUTUAL FUNDS FOR

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964

	Number of Shares	Book Value	Market Value
MUTUAL FUNDS:			
The Colonial Fund, Inc.	618	$ 6,365.35	$ 7,904.22*
Fidelity Fund, Inc.	491	$ 6,744.50	$ 8,783.99*
Massachusetts Investors Trust	496	$ 5,643.16	$ 8,585.76*
Puritan Fund, Inc.	641	$ 5,679.85	$ 6,230.52*
Total		**$ 24,432.86**	**$ 31,504.49***

*As of January 14, 1965—

Bid Price of The Colonial Fund, Inc.	$12.79
Bid Price of Fidelity Fund, Inc.	17.89
Bid Price of Massachusetts Investors Trust	17.31
Bid Price of Puritan Fund, Inc.	9.72

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OTHER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Town of Northfield, Vermont

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964

Mary Ella Pollard Account

Balance—December 31, 1963	$ 10,832.63
Interest	
Northfield National Bank	259.27
Northfield Savings Bank	183.31
Balance—December 31, 1964	**$ 11,275.21**

Town School Bus Fund

Balance—December 31, 1963	$ 6,432.20
Interest	
Northfield Savings Bank	188.07
Total Funds Available	**$ 6,620.27**
Disbursements	4,000.00
Balance—December 31, 1964	**2,620.27**
	$ 6,620.27

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

10-YEAR PROMISSORY NOTE

EQUIPMENT FUND

Town of Northfield, Vermont

Two-Year Period Ended December 31, 1964

	December 31, 1964		December 31, 1963	
ASSETS				
Note Retirement and Interest Pledged against Future Income—Principal $2,600.00 Annually		**$ 14,365.00**		**$ 17,511.00**
LIABILITIES				
Principal: Grader Note—Issue of 1959 at 3½%	$ 26,000.00		$ 26,000.00	
Deduct: Redemptions to Date	$ 13,000.00	$ 13,000.00	$ 10,400.00	$ 15,600.00
Interest—Payable in Future Years		$ 1,365.00		$ 1,911.00
Total Notes and Interest Outstanding		**$ 14,365.00**		**$ 17,511.00**

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1964 Season

NORTHFIELD MEMORIAL PARK, INC.

Cash on hand, Jan. 2, [illegible]4		$ 1.68
INCOME:		
Fees	$ 218.20	
Memberships	1,937.00	
Contributions	318.80	
Village	700.00	
Town	500.00	
Town School District	250.00	
Little League Tag Day	330.51	
Street Fair	2,057.47	
Arts and Crafts	23.05	
Other	128.05	
Total Income		$ 6,464.76
EXPENSES:		
Salaries	$ 3,706.40	
Pool Supplies	454.63	
Pool Maintenance	267.81	
Playground Supplies	453.48	
Playground Maintenance	133.43	
Insurance	344.59	
Car Tickets	28.00	
Arts and Crafts	77.77	
Street Fair	578.67	
Barbecue Expense	150.53	
Other	128.78	
Total Expense		$ 6,324.09
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1964		140.67
		$ 6,464.76

The Joseph H. Denny Fund is now $1,673.39

At the Street Fair last year there was a drawing for a Ford Mustang. This netted $375.29 which was set up in a Wesley Shepard Fund for building new dugouts at the baseball diamond. There were donations of $18.50 to the fund and a dividend of $1.7[illegible] $310.10 has been spent to date and there is a balance in the fund of [illegible]5.45. There will be more expense for these and further donations will be welcomed.

F. C. Leonard, *Treasurer*

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STATEMENT OF TAX ANTICIPATION BORROWINGS

Town of Northfield, Vermont

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964

	Note Dated	Interest Rate	Notes Payable 1-1-64
Town General Fund			
Northfield Trust Co.	1- 8-63	3.00%	$ 6,150.00*
Northfield Trust Co.	7- 1-63	2.75%	7,325.55
Northfield Trust Co.	8-28-63	2.75%	10,000.00
Northfield Trust Co.	1- 8-64	2.75%	
Northfield Trust Co.	3-16-64	2.75%	
Northfield Trust Co.	5- 4-64	2.75%	
Northfield Trust Co.	5-26-64	2.75%	
Northfield Trust Co.	7- 1-64	2.75%	
Northfield Trust Co.	7-17-64	2.75%	
			$ 23,475.55

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STATEMENT OF TAX ANTICIPATION BORROWINGS

Town of Northfield, Vermont

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964

1964 Borrowings	(1964 Repayments) Date	Amount	Notes Payable 12-31-64
	12–31–64	$ 1,500.00	$ 4,650.00
			7,325.55
	10–13–64	10,000.00	
$ 20,000.00	12–23–64	20,000.00	
10,000.00	12–23–64	10,000.00	
10,000.00	12–23–64	10,000.00	
10,000.00	12–23–64	10,000.00	
4,000.00	12–23–64	14,000.00	
[illegible]0,000.00	12–23–64	10,000.00	
$ 74,000.00		**$ 85,500.00**	**$ 11,975.55**

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Trustees of the Village of Northfield, the Selectmen of the Town of Northfield, and the town and village managers hereby submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1964:

As these figures show, the crime rate is increasing each year in our community as it is in others.

1961 arrests 61 1963 arrests 63
1962 arrests 45 1964 arrests 70

I feel that this is due to a certain percentage to the low fines that the violators are receiving in our courts and also to the fact that many of these cases are reduced from the original charge to a lesser charge.

In 1963 we found 152 doors unlocked in our business establishments, after having this printed in our Village Report so as the owners of said establishments could see how many doors were found unlocked, we found 207 unlocked this year.

I realize that the night patrolman checks these doors every night. Sometimes early in the evening and sometimes it is quite late. Other times they are checked twice a night. I feel that we are quite fortunate that we have not had more trouble with the doors being left unlocked. So let's lock up when we leave.

Respectfully yours,

Burton C. Sanders
Chief of Police

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Motor Vehicle Violation and Arrest

Speeding	12
Violation of the law of the road	6
Violation of the law of the road accident resulting	1
Allowing unlicensed person to operate	1
Operating without learner's permit	1
Leaving the scene of accident	2
Vehicle not inspected	1
Careless and negligent driving	3
Careless and negligent driving accident resulting	10
Fail to stop for an officer	1
Stop sign	4
Driving to endanger	1
Passing a school bus	1
Operating while license suspended	4
Unregistered vehicle	1
Operating without license	1
Driving while intoxicated	1
Total Motor Vehicle Violations	**51**

Other Violations and Arrests

Intoxication	6
Breaking and entering	1
Procuring malt beverage	1
Fraud by check	2
Embezzlement	1
Petty larceny	1
Taking car without owner's consent	2
Furnishing malt beverage to a minor	5
Total of Other Violations	**19**

Arrest Total	**70**

Accidents, 1965	
Town	35
Village	31
Total	**66**

Complaints Investigated	
Town	250
Village	229
Total	**479**

Warning Tickets Issued

Speeding		32
Parking violation	29 all night parking	33-62
Stop sign		18
Defective equipment		91
Doors found unlocked		207
Total		**410**

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TOWN OF NORTHFIELD WELFARE

SUMMARY REPORT

1964

Board and Care	$ 829.45	
Aid to Dependent Children	823.25	
Committed Children	1,229.70	
Burial	250.00	
Clothing, Food, Fuel, Rent Miscellaneous and Commitment	1,839.48	
Nursing Home Care, Physician Service and Limited Hospital Care	4,963.73	
Hospital and Medical	5,854.28	
Administrative Cost	564.32	
Town Home	798.16	
Total		**$ 17,152.37**
Refunds		6,937.76
NET COST of Welfare, 1964		**$ 10,214.61**

January 14, 1965 John Gunther, *Overseer of the Poor*

Act 219, 1961 Vermont Legislature, approved July 13, 1961. 24 V.S.A. 1951, as amended:

An overseer of the poor shall keep an itemized account of moneys received and expended by him, of property received and debts incurred against the town. The account shall state from whom such money or property was received, for whom and what purposes expenditures have been made or orders drawn, to whom debts have been incurred, what property sold, to whom and for how much. Such accounts shall at all times be open to the selectmen, and, when completed, shall be deposited in the office of the town clerk and open to public inspection. Unless a town incurs net costs for furnishing relief to poor persons and hospitalization for the medically indigent and costs for dependent and committed children in any fiscal year in excess of ten per cent of all monies raised by it for all purposes by taxation exclusive of the monies under Section 5012 of Title 32, the town shall not publish accounts due the town for poor relief or the names of persons to whom these accounts apply.

January 14, 1965 John Gunther, *Overseer of the Poor*

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TOWN OF NORTHFIEL

WELFARE RECEIPTS

Itemization of Receipts—1964:

Individuals	$ 87.37
State of Vermont	5 77.66
Rent	360.00
Hospital Funds	20.00
Other	556.59
Towns	336.14
Total	**,937.76**

January 14, 1965

John Gun r, *Overseer of the Poor*

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1964 HEALTH REPORT

This is a report to the people of Northfield of the Health services they have received during 1964. You will be interested in learning that in Vermont, four out of every five babies have been started on their shots for diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and polio by six months of age.

The following is a tabulation of some of the more important health services provided people of your town in the fiscal year 1964:

Nutrition, dietary consultations to institutions, groups, individuals	2
Pediatric consultations for child health problems	2
Number of children given diagnostic service at hospitals	2
Number of children aided at handicapped children's clinics for speech, and hearing, orthopedic, plastic, neurological, cardiac problems	32
Number of children financially aided with hospitalization	5
People X-rayed for tuberculosis detection	47
Number of water samples tested (private and public supplies)	170
Blood specimens (pre-marital, pre-natal and other)	628
Other laboratory specimens	83
Sanitary inspections, consultations (food and lodging, camps)	92
Water, sewage disposal, public building and other inspections	39
People X-rayed for occupational diseases	148
Hospital and nursing home inspections and consultations	9
Number served by tumor clinics	2
Public Health Nurse home visits	34
Number served by Public Health Nurse visits	22

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. McManus, M. D.
Health Officer

BROWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Selectmen
Northfield, Vermont

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit our budget providing for reasonable library services and maintenance of our facilities for the year 1965.

EXPENDITURES

Librarian and Assistants	$ 1,620.00	
Janitor and Cleaning	375.00	
Heating	450.00	
Insurance	240.00	
Supplies	150.00	
Magazines	70.00	
Books	850.00	
Repairs	1,200.00	
Social Security	70.00	
Miscellaneous	125.00	
		$ 5,150.00

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Fines and Gifts	$ 350.00	
Interest on Trust Funds	300.00	
Appropriation Requested	4,500.00	
		$ 5,150.00

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Trustees of Brown Public Library

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BROWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

General Fund

INCOME:		
Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1964	$ 578.39	
Town Appropriation	4,000.00	
Fines	277.51	
Montpelier Savings Bank Dividend	1.30	
		$ 4,857.20
EXPENDITURES:		
Janitor and Cleaning	$ 299.76	
Librarian and Assistants	1,386.00	
Heating	368.40	
Insurance	206.28	
Supplies	93.75	
Magazines	53.88	
Social Security	54.68	
Repairs	1,158.01	
Transfer to Book Account	800.00	
Miscellaneous	114.39	
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1964	322.05	
		$ 4,857.20

Book Account

INCOME:		
Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1964	$ 123.73	
Received from General Fund	800.00	
Gift from American Legion	25.00	
Gift from Reading Circle	41.40	
Gift from Little Lassies 4-H Club	4.00	
Miscellaneous Gifts	15.52	
Payments for lost or damaged books	9.19	
		$ 1,018.84
EXPENDITURES:		
Books Purchased	$ 794.87	
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1964	223.97	
		$ 1,018.84

Norman M. Appelget
Treasurer

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Town of Northfield

DELINQUENT TAXES

	Town	Village
Abbey, Doris	$ 14.28	$ 1.26
Abbey, Ira	59.74	4.40
Abbey, Leonard	4.73	
Adams, Oras H.	13.59	1.14
Allen, Amy M.	45.57	15.35
Amell, Arthur & Bernadette B.	229.96	
Amell, Helen	13.59	
Anderson & Caranchini	181.10	35.10
Atwood, Arlene	85.34	
Ayers, Francis & Margaret	31.26	3.60
Ash, Carlie	14.44	
Atkins, James & Katherine	110.53	
Atkins, James	195.83	
Baker, Morton & Vivian	53.88	
Barrows, Ruth	14.28	1.26
Barton, Robert & Edna	222.21	
Bean, Lillian	13.59	1.14
Bean, Chester & Teresa	195.14	
Bean, Richard & Alice	24.50	
Becker, Inez	15.81	1.65
Becker, Raymond	15.81	1.65
Brown, Kenneth	14.44	
Brown, Pauline	29.42	
Brown, Robert & Ruby	134.14	
Boyce, Edith	13.59	1.14
Boyce, Wayne	13.59	1.14
Brunelle, Theodore	28.00	
Breer, Harold & Alice	239.98	
Bunce, Eugene	14.28	1.26
Bettis, Clarence & Nettie	5.91	
Bettis, Rudolph	37.61	
Boyce, Lois J.	13.59	1.14
*Brown, Arthur & Dolores	467.66	
Bryant, Carroll	257.98	
Bushey, Bernard & Mary	12.22	
**Caputo, Vincent		2.51
Cadorette, Lewis	55.91	9.29
*Capital Amusement Co.	6.14	

	Town	Village
Cardell, James & Jacqueline	194.87	
Chamberlain, Robert	11.11	
Clifford, Clarence & Eva	206.18	39.97
Close, James	2.62	
Clouckie, Clifford	20.55	
Colby, Howard & Roberta	53.87	6.04
Cole, Robert A.	21.34	5.28
Collette, Patricia	14.28	1.26
Collette, Roland F.	14.28	1.26
Cramer, Walter & Vivian	87.36	8.10
Christopher, Edmund Olga	129.79	
Condie, Rose		7.91
*Coppings, Raymond	2.51	
Corliss, Roger & Frieda		1.68
Curtis, Glenn M.	209.48	
Cleveland, Curtis	10.37	
Danforth, Albert	66.21	
Davis, Edith	13.59	2.40
Davis, Arthur	29.42	
Davis, Amy	131.72	
Davis, Arthur & Amy	13.94	
Davis, Ben & Grace	2.57	
Davis, Bernice & Robt.	78.34	1.68
Davis, Clyde & Edith	96.28	
Davis, William C. & Maude & Lena	698.04	
Dickinson, Duane & Carolyn	5.51	
Diemer, Oscar	77.90	
Diego, John & Gleneita	513.97	
Dole, Wendell C. Jr. & Joyce E.	439.62	56.23
Dole, Wendell, Jr.	8.53	
Drury, Robert & Joan	395.57	51.18
Dumas, John (Estate)	239.25	25.03
Duprey, Charles P.	75.12	
Duprey, Edward	13.40	1.70
Duprey, Harold & Rose	135.13	15.12
Duprey, Lillian	62.12	
Duprey, Margaret	76.00	6.93

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	Town	Village
Duprey, Oliver		5.97
Edson, Mary G.	14.44	
Farr, Amanda S.	155.29	
Flinn, Clara	13.59	1.14
Fitzgibbons, Henry		2.91
Fiarkoski, Marietta	27.87	2.40
Fiske, Richard	2.13	
Foderella, Gladys	114.65	11.55
Fowler, Chas. & Lucille	120.13	25.47
Freeman, Mary	8.40	
French, Eric & Rita	23.49	
Fullam, Harry & Teresa	127.68	
Fullam, Robert & Inez	31.40	
Farnham, Pauline & Joslyn, Rosalie	187.70	
Gaudette, Katherine	54.16	5.73
Gerrish, Ralph Jr.	87.92	
George, Raleigh	14.44	
Glidden, Ralph & Clara	109.14	
Goldsmith, Steven & Arlene	27.18	2.28
Gray, Raymond & Mary		7.30
Greenslit, Everett	90.13	11.55
Hardaker, Jos. & Vera	480.52	
Hatch, Dale	11.54	
Harty, James Jr. & Patricia M.	25.07	
*Hedges, Robert W.	114.48	
Herring, Dorothy	13.59	1.14
Hewitt, Doris	13.59	1.14
Higley, Sandra	13.59	1.14
Hill, Richard & Linda	15.50	
Huntoon, William	14.10	1.80
Hutchinson, Roger & Jeanne	155.27	
Hutchinson, Jeanne	4.31	2.03
Hymark Lumber Co.	90.77	
Ingalls, Cleo	151.25	
Jarvis, Floyd & Young, George	13.48	
Jarvis, Floyd & Edna	202.42	
Jennings, Mary	29.66	
Jerry, Gordon	20.80	
Kirkpatrick, Bernice	76.91	
Kohen, David	5.99	
Ladd, Lucy	13.59	1.14

	Town	Village
LaCourse, Raymond & Florida	21.95	
Lagerstedt, Richard & Ruth	31.39	
Lanpher, Linwood & Betty	29.96	
Larson, Ronald & Jacqueline	168.40	
Leetch, Arthur & Viola	49.52	
Legare, Merrill & Bonnie	98.20	
LeFebvre, Wendell & Rachel	202.43	25.88
Lavanway, Jos. & Jennie	.62	
Londry, Harry	43.99	
Lyon, William	770.88	
Lyon, William & Grace	501.82	
Maher, Helga A.	31.43	
Martin, George E.	37.61	
Martin, Edwin & Marilyn	140.48	
Martin, Ethel	30.09	1.26
Martin, Marydel	15.81	1.65
Martin, Howard	16.45	
Martin, Raymond	44.05	1.14
Maloney, Patricia (Scheffley)	45.57	4.59
Maskell, Madeline E.	1.28	
Matheson, Douglas & Beatrice	64.90	
Maxham, Alice & Virginia	176.37	
McClean, Ruth	2.73	
Messier, Carmie & Anita	64.84	
Meyers, Oleta M.	14.98	
Miller, Annabelle	14.28	1.26
Monti, Gelsie	358.86	81.50
Monti, Gelsie (Ned Pettingill)	83.93	
Moynihan, Richard	27.87	2.40
Mazza, Joseph Jr.	49.36	
Maltese, Edward V. & Jane M.	294.24	37.60
Marcotte, Bernard & Mildred	125.99	16.13
*Marsha, Leona	34.21	4.41
MacDermid, Velma P.	619.40	.85
*Munsell, Marion M.	17.42	

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	Town	Village
*Nadeau, Richard & Phyllis	74.34	
Norwich University	3,642.73	492.02
Norwich University	3,741.58	505.22
Norwich University	4,755.54	655.80
Ordway, Eva L.	14.44	
Ordway, Kenneth R.	213.55	
Osborne, Edith M.	74.79	7.53
Partlow, Franklin & Glenda	27.18	2.28
Partlow, Donald H.	88.70	9.89
Partlow, Alice E.	101.62	11.54
Parker, Georgianna	13.59	1.14
Parker, Cora	14.28	1.26
Paronto, Leonard	26.63	
Premont, Richard & Marylou	27.18	2.28
Premont, Shirley	13.59	1.14
Premont, Albert & Shirley	39.60	
Petco Gas Co.	29.65	3.83
Phillips, George D.	75.48	
*Porter, Dorothy J.	148.66	19.06
Relation, Eva M.	13.59	1.14
Relation, Elmer & Ada	70.47	
Relation, Caroline R.	13.59	1.14
Relation, Ralph	7.78	1.26
Relation, Tillie	54.27	6.97
Raynor, Frank	53.00	17.00
*Randall Wood Products Co.	169.77	
Rainey, H. J.	18.52	
Robinson, David M. & Jean E.	30.88	
Robinson, Irvin	7.14	
*Rogers, Marguerite C.	13.59	1.14
*Rogers, Donald L.	13.59	1.14
Ryder, Patricia B.	14.28	1.26
Searles, Fern	27.87	2.40
Shuttle, Donald	61.02	6.93
Shuttle, John & Constance	147.88	20.26
Smith, Leo & Joyce	22.03	
Smith, Roy	97.50	17.00
Snelling, Robert & Zoe	323.36	
Spencer, Helen	74.79	
Spooner, Alonzo R. Jr.	15.63	1.80

	Town	Village
Staples, Solon E. Jr. & Jean P.	83.66	7.20
Stoddard Enterprises	1,785.47	372.59
Stone, William	17.06	
*Savage, Rita M. (Helfrich)	730.36	
Swann, George	24.35	
Smith, Lillian H.	1.28	
Smith, Everett C.	1.28	
*Standen, Donald	12.76	
Santry, Timothy & Florence	59.20	
Tennien, Dorothy	179.66	
Terry, Edith	14.28	1.26
Tucker, Wesley J. & Josephine M.	46.17	
Tucker, Wesley O. & Betty M.	28.56	2.52
*Tucker, Clyde & W. Wyman Townsend	343.70	
Tisdale, Henry E.	.67	
Tucker, Wesley J.	17.76	
Tracy's Market (should have been Bell's store)	122.59	15.69
Vance, Calvin	63.53	
Vilbrin, Richard & Elaine	212.42	22.06
Vilbrin, Jos. & Lucy	318.78	46.70
Waters, Martina	32.27	
Warren, Gordon & Barbara	28.56	2.52
Whitney, Earl	16.03	
Willey, Earl	41.77	6.57
Willey, Raymond & Edythe	14.62	1.14
Willey, Eva M.	76.91	9.86
Williamson, Ronald	14.28	1.26
Wright, Ronald	91.19	
Wallace, Carroll & Gleason, Alberta	175.14	22.70
Washington Elec. Co.	860.65	
Wayne's Pool Room	17.13	2.23
Westlake, Norman Sr. & Jr.	23.75	
Young, William	33.60	
Yearman, Jas. & Helen	164.71	19.89
Yearman, John & Alda	28.88	

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	Town	Village
*Yearman, John & Alds	420.28	
Town Delinq.	**$34,434.95**	
Total Village Delinq.		**$2,904.78**

	Town	Village
County Board adj. to be abated	189.90	
	$34,624.85	

*Paid since books closed.
**Should have been abated.

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VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1964

Name of Child	Date Born	Name of Parents
Abascal, Lisa	May 31, 1964	Gabino C. & Carmen (Revilla)
Arbuckle, Ronald Fred	Dec. 14, 1964	Bernard W. & Dorothy A. (Adams)
Armstrong, Barbara Jo	July 20, 1964	Frank H. & Marguerite E. (Oates)
Atwood, Lauren Lesley	Feb. 15, 1964	Gary J. & Karen A. (Seaver)
Baker, Tina Marie	Sept. 19, 1964	Duane R. & Marian C. (Swann)
Baker, Todd Andrew	May 29, 1964	Morton C. & Velma R. (Hebert)
Banfield, Sydney Roy	Nov. 1, 1964	Tommy P. & Althea E. (Jewett)
Bedell, Todd Alan	May 3, 1964	Clayton C. & Harriet G. (Gushea)
Bean, Dana Alan	Jan. 24, 1964	Chester R. & Theresa V. (Flinn)
Bean, Michele Marie	Apr. 16, 1964	Richard F. & Alice C. (Viens)
Beattie, Eric Stebbins	May 5, 1964	Gary J. & Carol L. (Sullivan)
[illegible]ll, Lisa Anne	Nov. 9, 1964	Joseph N. & Patricia L. (Burleigh)
[illegible]rowicz, Stefan Alfred	Apr. 14, 1964	Jon T. & Marilyn V. (Wasserman)
Boyce, Randall James	Feb. 4, 1964	Robert H. & Janice L. (Trombley)
Brassard, Liisa Marie	Jan. 4, 1964	Michael J. & Tuula P. (Partanen)
Brassard, Stephen James	Feb. 3, 1964	Albert J. & Lena A. (LaValley)
Brimblecombe, Karen Marie	Sept. 19, 1964	David L. & Cheryl A. (Belanger)
Brown, Elizabeth Agnes	Jan. 16, 1964	Arthur M. & Dolores E. (McNamara)
Brown, Wilbur Lee, Jr.	Apr. 29, 1964	Wilbur L. & Marilyn M. (Predix)
Bussiere, Thomas Albert	Dec. 28, 1963	Albert E. & Ruby M. (Allen)
Bussiere, Wilfred Neal, Jr.	July 11, 1964	Wilfred N. & Jacqueline M. (Hughes)
Campbell, David Lynn	Apr. 29, 1964	David C. & Lucille E. (Bell)
Clough, Scott Peter	May 26, 1964	Peter A. & Marie A. (Greenslit)
Colbert, Jacqueline	Oct. 31, 1964	Joseph & Winona M. (Sands)
Collins, Margaret Ann	Apr. 15, 1964	Sidney C. & Caroline L. (Macey)
Conant, Nina Ruth	May 24, 1964	Roger T. & Lydia M. (Chase)
Covey, Scott Alan	May 8, 1964	John R. & Eva L. (Bedell)
Cramer, Cindy Lee	Apr. 11, 1964	Rodney L. & Claudette E. (Rattee)
Cruickshank, Jodi Marie	Feb. 5, 1964	Lawrence D. & Joan M. (Pollard)
Davidson, Todd Earl	Sept. 13, 1964	Roger E. & Myrtle N. (Sayers)
Davis, Carole Marie	Nov. 29, 1964	Robert P. & Gladys A. (Wheeler)
Davis, Brenda Sharon	Aug. 18, 1964	Charles H. & Brenda L. (McQueen)
Demasi, Delcena Irene	Apr. 6, 1964	Fred J. & Sandra M. (Chase)
Dodge, Meredith Ann	July 9, 1964	Thomas W. & Elizabeth (Miller)
Doyon, Claire Louise	Feb. 17, 1964	Davila & Simone B. (Poulin)
Doyon, Rowdy Scott	Sept. 13, 1964	Roger R. & Adeline K. (Campeau)
Drown, Melissa Ann	Sept. 8, 1964	Lawrence L. & Diane M. (Jennett)
Dukette, Patricia Ann	Feb. 28, 1964	Henry R. & Jean A. (Partlow)
Duquette, Douglas Dean	May 21, 1964	Reginald W. & Judith M. (Capron)
Farnham, Michael Douglas	May 16, 1964	Douglas A. & Betty F. (Miller)
Flint, Laura Lee	Oct. 15, 1964	Roderick S. & Rose M. (Boutwell)

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Name of Child	Date Born	Name of Parents
Gaboriau, Mark Joseph	Dec. 4, 1964	Maurice & Marie L. (Magoon)
Gleason, Francene Marie	Dec. 26, 1964	Francis L. & Sandra A. (Cooper)
Green, Paula Jane	Jan. 10, 1964	James A. & Cynthia A. (Laskey)
Greenslit, Shawn Lee	July 23, 1964	Everett H. & Carol L. (Baker)
Harvey, Stephanie Lynn	May 30, 1964	Bradley D. & Judith A. (Grenier)
Hastings, Pamela Sue	Apr. 4, 1964	George B. & Barbara J. (Ewen)
Holt, Jody Lynn	June 27, 1964	Richard A. & Sallyann (Devoid)
Jacques, Jacqueline Marie	May 25, 1964	Lawrence F. & Roberta Ann (Tatro)
Jeffords, Andrea Jean	July 22, 1964	Gerald G. & Loraine E. (Jarvis)
Jeffords, Andrew Jay	July 22, 1964	Gerald G. & Loraine E. (Jarvis)
Keene, Patrick Alan	Aug. 1, 1964	Thomas T. & Joan M. (Knowles)
Kirkpatrick, Kerry Dean, II	May 1, 1964	Kerry D. & Gloria L. (Lawrence)
Labbe, Gene Paul	Feb. 19, 1964	Emile J. & Dorothy L. (Carpenter)
LeFebvre, Jeffrey Scott	Sept. 22, 1964	Wendell P. & Rachel C. (Sanders)
Leonard, Margaret Ann	Mar. 23, 1964	John L. & Jean F. (Grace)
Leonard, Elizabeth Ann	Mar. 23, 1964	John L. & Jean F. (Grace)
Lockhart, Robert Bruce	Feb. 27, 1964	Donald M. & Helen (Gresham)
Lockhart, John Merritt	Feb. 27, 1964	Donald M. & Helen (Gresham)
MacKenzie, Scott Norman	July 23, 1964	Norman M. & Sharon L. (Benner)
Madison, Ralph Shepard	Mar. 27, 1964	Lynville F. & Charlotte A. (Reed)
Maher, Lydia Ann	Nov. 13, 1964	Arnold C. & Helga A. (Pfeffer)
McGlaflin, Calista Anne	Nov. 25, 1964	James E., Jr. & Tamsen (Manning)
Miller, Janis Elaine	Jan. 29, 1964	William C. & Lillian M. (Bartley)
Marceau, Sue-Ellen	Dec. 4, 1964	Richard A. & Ellen A. (Griggs)
Martin, Lori Ann	Jan. 18, 1964	Kendall L. & Irene E. (Hebert)
Marshall, Daniel Jason	Oct. 9, 1964	Dennis W. & Ruth Ann (Carr)
Mitchell, Mary Beth	Feb. 18, 1964	Gilbert A. & Agnes R. (Smith)
Norman, Tammi Lynn	Nov. 20, 1964	Philip M. & Bonnie L. (Gochie)
Norris, John Stephen, Jr.	Aug. 3, 1964	John S. & Katherine G. (Carolan)
Olson, Deina Harriet	Aug. 10, 1964	Norman E. & Vivian E. (Folsom)
Osborne, Barbara Lynn	Sept. 15, 1964	Donald F. & Shirley M. Perra)
Patch, Steven Wayne	June 26, 1964	George O. & Linda J. (Lea)
Peace, Randy Alan	June 13, 1964	Alan W. & Marilyn R. (Falzarano)
Pike, David Ernest	May 26, 1964	Arthur H. Jr. & Ann L. (Hildreth)
Provost, David Joseph	May 22, 1964	Richard L. & Jacqueline L. (Couture)
Provost, Michael Edward	Aug. 14, 1964	Eugene E. & Margaret L. (Fortier)
Richardson, Michael Brian	Mar. 27, 1964	Gary G. & Elizabeth N. (Ranker)
Roux, Paul Frederick	Apr. 15, 1964	Francis W. & Jeannette Y.(Larose)
Scouten, Mark John	Feb. 3, 1964	Kenneth R. & Teresa M. (Rubino)
Staples, Paul Clifton	Mar. 27, 1964	Warren J. & Phyllis A. (Haggett)
Stone, Susan Margaret	June 18, 1964	Roderick L. & Margaret A. (Carey)
Swann, Jeffrey Charles	Apr. 26, 1964	Robert W. & Henrietta (Flint)
Tassie, Craige David	Dec. 13, 1963	John E. & Priscilla A. (Davis)
Vilbrin. David Dalton	Jan. 2, 1964	John A. & Constance J. (Legier)
Wall, Patricia Anne	Apr. 22, 1964	Kenneth W. & Anita M. (Jerd)
Willis, Margaret Isabel	Dec. 29, 1964	Philip W. & Willa C. (Arthurs)
Witham, Paula Carol	July 3, 1964	Robert D. & Carol E. (Sandstrom)
Wheeler, Rose Marie	Feb. 21, 1964	Edward L. & Margaret M. (Meiggs)

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1964

Name of Groom	Name of Bride	Date Wed
Aldrich, Harold Raymond	Pervier, Frances A.	Dec. 31, 1964
mell, Harvey James	Partlow, Margaret Ann	Apr. 25, 1964
msden, Lyman F.	Law, Linda M.	June 20, 1964
Austin, Ronald Elmer	Union, Joyce Ann	June 13, 1964
B dell, Francis R.	Austin, Sharon Kay	Dec. 30, 1964
B , Joseph N.	Burleigh, Patricia L.	Feb. 10, 1964
Be Robert Henry	Smith, Virginia Anne	Sept. 6, 1964
Bli Donald F.	Bundy, Clara E.	Nov. 6, 1964
Bra rd, David Charles	Isaacs, Carolyn Mae	Aug. 22, 1964
Bur l, Jerome Allen	Baker, Bertha Mae	Jan. 10, 1964
Chiu iolo, Michael Anthony	Wright, Patricia Ann	Sept. 19, 1964
Cram Stanley Robert	Wilkin, Yvonne Maureen	Sept. 25, 1964
Devne Paul C.	McGlaflin, Mary Joann	Sept. 26, 1964
Drown awrence M.	Jennett, Diane Marie	Apr. 11, 1964
Duprey harles Philip	Messier, Alice Irene	July 18, 1964
Durkin, homas J.	Close, Sandra	Feb. 7, 1964
Farr, Da A.	Allen, Judith B.	June 27, 1964
Folsom, hael D.	Ferber, Barbara J.	May 18, 1964
Frappier, ul R.	Viens, Rosemary M.	July 4, 1964
Kellogg, G D.	Doney, Judith M.	Dec. 5, 1964
Harrington ter Bruce	Taylor, Marilyn Virginia	May 16, 1964
Joslin, Kenn	Boardman, Naomi	Nov. 28, 1964
Matheson, S ley V.	Pierson, Kay Ann	June 20, 1964
Michaud, Ma ce O.	Diego, Denise	Sept. 6, 1964
Muennink, Be min	Hall, Bertha W.	June 27, 1964
Ordway, Kenn	LaFlower, Eva	May 2, 1964
Reed, Ellswort ed	Penley, Irene L.	Oct. 3, 1964
Ringer, Gordon Jr.	Materne, Merritt	Nov. 20, 1964
Sprague, Duane on	Joslin, Reta Jane	Sept. 19, 1964
Sprague, Robert	Jewett, Gloria	Sept. 20, 1964
Streeter, Reno L.	Parker, Mildred	Oct. 19, 1964
Wells, Franklin J.	Sargent, Hildred Isabel	Oct. 24, 1964
Wiggett, Peter Hut son	Rose, Martha Carter	Dec. 7, 1964
Willey, Raymond A.	Messier, Laurette M.	Aug. 8, 1964
Wilson, Gary A.	Bell, Nancy L.	Dec. 24, 1964
Wright, Clarence A.	Boudreau, Louise	Oct. 24, 1964
Verchereau, Stuart	Poor, Cheryl Ann	Feb. 8, 1964
Yacavoni, Amerigo	Freeman, Sandra	July 11, 1964

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1964

Name of Deceased	Date Died	Place Died	Residence
Abascal, Lisa	June 1, 1964	Montpelier	Northfield
Abel, Ruth Smith	Aug. 29, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Aiken, Diana M.	Mar. 29, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Alexander, Ethel	Nov. 15, 1964	Northfield	Montpelier
Andress, Emma Lucia	Sept. 10, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Avery, Charles Hayes	Aug. 14, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Baker, Clarence Ellsworth	Nov. 6, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Bedard, Louis	Sept. 23, 1964	Burlington	Northfield
Blow, Martha	Jan. 28, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Chaffee, Claude Robert	July 22, 1964	Northfield	East Orange
Church, Nellie	Jan. 5, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Dolan, William Francis	May 12, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Erskine, Fred Glen	Jan. 2, 1964	Northfield	Roxbury
Fisher, George Hildreth	June 8, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Fitzgibbons, Henry Miller	May 17, 1964	Montpelier	Northfield
Flinn, Ethel M.	July 6, 1964	Northfield	Roxbury
Fogg, Annie May	Sept. 16, 1964	Montpelier	Northfield
Gardner, Louis A.	Mar. 17, 1964	Burlington	Northfield
Gillespie, Anna Mary	Nov. 30, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Hall, Bessie Emma	Nov. 29, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Heath, Amy Denny	Jan. 17, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Heeney, James J.	Sept. 7, 1964	Northfield	Stratford, Conn.
Humphrey, Winifred	Feb. 13, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Hurley, Paul D.	Aug. 5, 1964	Weathersfield	Northfield
Hyde, Catherine Arvilla	Feb. 17, 1964	Northfield	Bridgehampton, L.I.
Jones, Nellie	Aug. 31, 1964	Waterbury	Northfield
Kenerson, Richard Lee	Oct. 22, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Laird, Perley Earl	Nov. 14, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Legier, Exilda K.	Jan. 13, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Malone, Mary Jennett	Dec. 3, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Mann, Ruth Elvira	Jan. 23, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
McCarthy, Josephine	May 1, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Messier, Edward Louis	Sept. 26, 1964	Northfield	Roxbury
Parks, Calista June	Sept. 9, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Rabidou, Elizabeth Hurley	Nov. 18, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Shepard, Wesley Charles	July 27, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Sherwood, Mary Sheperd	Nov. 28, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Staples, Solon H.	Apr. 6, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Stimson, Beatrice Eleanor	Feb. 11, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Sutfin, Mary Agnes	Dec. 13, 1964	Roxbury	Northfield
Thompson, Matilda	Feb. 23, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Thompson, Robert	May 1, 1964	Waterbury	Northfield
Tompkins, Alice Barr	Jan. 11, 1964	Northfield	Northfield

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DEATHS—Continued

Name of Deceased	Date Died	Place Died	Residence
Wakefield, Carlton Elmer	Nov. 27, 1964	Northfield	Roxbury
Webb, Martin Lockwood	Sept. 30, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Wells, Robert Henry	Aug. 15, 1964	New London, N.H.	Northfield
Wilcox, Isabel	May 13, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Wilcox, Reuben S.	Jan. 1, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Wilfore, Sophrina Mary	May 22, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Winslow, Lois Electa	May 30, 1964	Northfield	Northfield
Woods, Tirzah A.	Mar. 8, 1964	Northfield	Northfield

VITAL STATISTICS

(Received from Barre after Dec. 31, 1964)

BIRTHS

Name of Child	Date Born	Name of Parents
Edson, Gregory Scott	Oct. 20, 1964	Edwin R. & Mary G. (Premont)
Garrity, Roger James, Jr.	Nov. 27, 1964	Roger J. & Nelita E. (Sargent)
LaValley, Todd Frank	Aug. 5, 1964	Roderick W. & Ann E. (Coltey)
MacDougall, Michael David	Sept. 9, 1964	David A. & Christina A. (Delia)
Ryan, Sara Ellen	Dec. 3, 1964	Kenneth E. & Patricia A. (Chamberlin)
Tenney, Teresa Ann	Oct. 11, 1964	Francis N. & Joan C. (Jerry)
Yearman, Kyle Gregory	Sept. [illegible], 1964	James J. & Helen M. (Anderson)

DEATHS

Name of Deceased	Date Died	Place	Residence
Plant, Arthur	June 8, 1964	Barre	Northfield
Plumley, Charles Albert	Oct. [illegible], 1964	Barre	Northfield

MARRIAGES

Name of Groom	Name of Bride	Date Wed
Beauchemin, Joseph Albert Jr.	Amell, Phyllis Irene	Aug. 15, 1964
Mitchell, Roger Ronald	Streeter, Barbara Linda	May 23, 1964

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MINUTES OF THE 1964

ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

HELD ON MARCH 3, 1964

Northfield High School Gymnasium
Northfield, Vermont
March 3, 1964

Pursuant to the foregoing WARNING, the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield and the Northfield Town School District, Northfield, Vermont, met in the Gymnasium of the New High School, in the Village of Northfield, Vermont, on March 3, A. D. 1964, to hear and act upon the several matters of business on the Town and Town School District.

Mr. Glendon N. King served as Moderator.

A motion was entertained from the floor waiving the reading of the Warning. This motion was passed, and thereupon Mr. King declared that the Ballot Boxes were open for voting upon Articles 3, 4, 5, 21, 22 and 24.

(Meeting recessed until 10:00 A. M.)

The Selectmen of the Town of Northfield voted to have the Ballot Boxes for voting upon Town Officers and amendment to the Constitution of Vermont open until 4:00 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.

Article 1

It was moved as follows:

"I move that Mr. Glendon N. King be elected as Moderator for the next year ensuing."

This motion was duly seconded and passed.

Article 2

Mr. John Wall moved that the several reports of Town and Town School District Officers be accepted.

This motion was duly seconded and passed.

Article 3

The following is the result of voting for One Town School Director for a term of three years (Australian Ballot):

Leon W. Sears	had	307	ballots
A. Ramon Fernandez	had	249	ballots

Leon W. Sears was declared elected.

Article 4

The following is the result of voting for two Town School Direc-

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tors for a period of one year (Australian Ballot):

Wendell G. Bird	had	462	ballots
George H. Burnham	had	493	ballots

Wendell G. Bird and *George H. Burnham* were declared elected.

Article 5

The following is the result of voting for all requisite Town Officers (Australian Ballot):

Town Clerk for one year

Gardner A. Buck	had	537	ballots

Town Treasurer for one year

Gardner A. Buck	had	525	ballots

Selectman for three years

Paul W. Culver	had	309	ballots
J. Wayne Tracy	had	228	ballots

Paul W. Culver was declared elected.

Lister for three years

Stillman L. Stevens	had	511	ballots

Lister for one year:

Lindsay H. Wheeler	had	491	ballots

Constable for one year

Burton C. Sanders	had	542	ballots

Auditor for three years

Leslie G. Seaver	had	551	ballots

Town Agent for one year

Gardner A. Buck	had	531	ballots

Trustee of Brown Public Library for five years

Carl A. Diemer	had	548	ballots

Grand Juror for one year

Edward Zasacky	had	43	ballots
Scattering		20	ballots

All unopposed candidates were also declared elected.

Article 6

Sub-Section 1:

Mr. Arthur O. Peterson moved that Sub-Section 1 of Article 6 be laid on the table. Duly seconded and passed.

Later, Mr. Robert C. Hayden moved that Sub-Section 1 of Article 6 be removed from the table. Seconded and duly passed.

After this Sub-Section was removed from the table, Mr. Robert C. Hayden moved that the several reports of the Northfield Town School Officers be accepted. Seconded and duly passed.

Mr. Hayden made the above motions after all other actions on Article 6 had been transacted.

Sub-Section 2:

Dr. Edgar R. Hyde moved that the Town of Northfield School District authorize the Board of School Directors grant permission to Green Mountain Power Corporation to erect poles to carry a feeder power line across school land on the "Cook" site. Duly seconded and passed.

Sub-Section 3:

Mr. Arthur O. Peterson moved that Sub-Section 3 be laid on the table. Duly seconded and passed.

Later, the following action took place regarding Sub-Section 3 of Article 6:

Mr. Arthur O. Peterson moved that Sub-Section 3 of Article 6 be removed from the table. Motion seconded and passed.

Mr. Gerald E. Cross moved that the voters approve the budget of the Northfield Town School District Board of School Directors as prepared for the school year July 1, 1964, to June 30, 1965. This motion was duly seconded, subject to an amendment by Mr. Leslie Seaber to the effect that the total amount of the budget of the Northfield Town School District be reduced by $4,000.00. This Sub-Section was thoroughly discussed by the voters. Mr. Cross withdrew his motion.

Mr. Leslie Seaver made the following motion:

"I move the adoption of Sub-Section 3 under Article 6 subject to a reduction of $4,000.00." This motion was seconded and duly passed.

Sub-Section 4:

Mr. Arthur O. Peterson moved that Sub-Section 4 of Article 6 be placed on the table. Duly seconded and passed.

Mr. George Kingston Jr. moved that Sub-Section 4 of Article 6 be removed from the table. Duly seconded and passed. (This action took place after action on Sub-Section 8 of Article 6 had been acted upon.)

(At this time, it was voted that the meeting recess until 1:30 p.m.)

At 1:30 p.m., the meeting re-convened, and, at this time, Mr. John G. Gunther, the Municipal Manager, was introduced by Mr. Norman M. Appelget, Selectman.

Mr. George J. Kingston Jr. made the following motion:

"I move that the sum of $286,497.70 minus the $4,000.00 in Sub-Section 7 of Article 6 be voted for school expenses of the Northfield Town School District." After much discussion on this motion, Mr.

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Kingston moved that a committee be appointed to study this Sub-Section and make a recommendation. Moderator Glendon N. King was instructed by the voters to appoint a committee, and, thereupon named the following: Mr. Leon Sears, Mr. Lloyd Crane, Mr. George J. Kingston Jr., Mr. Raymond Belding and Mr. Robert C. Hayden. (A ten minute recess was announced by the Moderator pending the committee report.)

Following the recess, Mr. Kingston withdrew his motion, and presented the following motion:

"I move that the Northfield Town School District will raise the sum of $282,497.70 for school expenses less any State Aid, A.D.M. received in excess of $54,500.50. Provided that, however, if for any reason the reduction of local taxes by this means should appear contrary to any State Statute, the amount raised by local tax levy shall be $282,497.70." This motion was seconded and duly passed.

Sub-Section 5:

Mr. George L. Streeter moved that the Town of Northfield School District authorize the school board to install new ceilings in the rooms on the second floor of the old High School Building at a cost of $2,200 and appropriate money for the same to provide for the public good. Duly seconded and passed.

Sub-Section 6:

Mr. Gerald E. Cross moved that the Town of Northfield School District authorize the school board to extend the fire alarm system from the old High School Building to the hot lunch building and appropriate the money for same in the amount of $780.00 to provide for the public good. Duly seconded and passed.

Sub-Section 7:

Mr. A. Ramon Fernandez moved that Sub-Section 7 of Article 6 be laid on the table. Duly seconded and passed.

Later, on motion of Mr. Fernandez, this Sub-Section 7 was removed from the table. (Motion seconded and passed)

Mr. Fernandez then moved that the Northfield Town School District NOT BE AUTHORIZED, through its school board, to install new ceilings, insulate, and rewire and paint four rooms on the first floor of the elementary building and appropriate the money for same in the amount of $4,000.00 to provide for the public good. Duly seconded and passed.

Sub-Section 8:

Mr. Eldred O. Preston moved that Sub-Section 8 of Article 6 be passed over. Duly seconded and passed.

(Said Sub-Section was to see if the Northfield Town School District would authorize the school board to pave the north parking lot on the High School grounds and appropriate the money for same in the amount of $1,659.65 to provide for the public good.)

Article 7

Mr. Walter D. Gallagher moved that the sum of $4,000.00 be appropriated for the support of the Brown Public Library. Duly seconded and passed.

Article 8

Mr. Atwood I. Hardin made the following motion:

"I move that the Town appropriate the sum of $75.00 for Memorial Day flags." This motion was duly seconded and passed.

Article 9

Mr. George L. Streeter made the following motion:

"I move that the Town appropriate the sum of $1,600.00 for the support and assistance of the District Nurse Association." This motion was duly seconded and passed.

Article 10

Mr. John Curtis moved that the Town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift or purchase land for the municipal forest, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forest practices. Duly seconded and passed.

Article 11

Mrs. John Curtis moved that the Town appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the support of the Northfield Memorial Park, Inc. This motion was duly seconded and passed.

Article 12

Mr. Robert C. Hayden moved that the Town vote to authorize the employment of outside appraisors to assist the listers in appraising town Real and Personal property and to aid in keeping up the card file system set up to show the properties of the town; which employment shall not exceed the amount listed in the budget and any contract, to be made by the Selectmen, not to exceed one year's duration. Duly seconded.

The Moderator, Mr. King, was unable to ascertain if the voice vote was for or against Mr. Hayden's motion, and asked that balloting be the rule.

The result of balloting follows:

For Mr. Hayden's motion	114
Against Mr. Hayden's motion	131
Total	245

Mr. King announced that the voters had rejected Mr. Hayden's motion.

Article 13

Mr. John Curtis moved that the Town appropriate $10,682.70 for the Town Highway District. This motion was seconded, but defeated by a voice vote.

Prior to Mr. Curtis' motion, a discussion was held pertaining to the Grand List of the Town Highway District.

Mr. Leslie Seaver moved that a committee be appointed to bring in a recommendation. Duly seconded and voted. (The committee appointed by Mr. King are Mr. Robert C. Hayden, Mr. Norman Appelget, Mr. John Curtis and Mr. A. Ramon Fernandez.)

Mr. Hayden, as recommended by the committee, made the following motion:

"I move that the sum of $12,750.00 be appropriated by the Town for the use of the Town Highway District." This motion was seconded and duly passed.

Article 14

Mr. Roger Hutchinson moved that Article 14 be placed on the table. Duly seconded and passed.

Later, Mr. A. Ramon Fernandez moved that Articles 14, 18 and 20 be removed from the table. Seconded and duly passed.

Re Article 14, Mr. Hayden made the following motion:

"I move that $75,700.00 be appropriated by the Town to defray expenses." This motion was seconded and duly passed.

Article 15

Mr. Albert Fraser made the following motion:

"I move that the Selectmen grant Green Mountain Power Corporation permission to erect poles to carry feeder lines across the town lot (Sployd). Duly seconded and passed.

Article 16

Mr. G. Elam Bailey made the following motion:

"I move that the Town authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes to defray current expenses of the Town and Town School District." This motion was duly seconded and passed.

Article 17

Mr. George L. Streeter made the following motion:

"I move that the Town and Town School District designate June 10, 1964, for payment of Poll and Old Age Assistance Taxes, and they be paid to the Treasurer, and the Poll taxes be paid without discount." Motion seconded and passed.

Article 18

Mr. J. Wayne Tracy moved that Article 18 be placed on the table. Duly seconded and passed.

Later, this article having been removed from the table, Mr. Eldred O. Preston moved that Article 18 be passed over. This motion was lost.

Mr. Walter D. Gallagher moved the adoption of Article 18. Mr. Martin Webb moved that an amendment of the article to include the words "to be brought or mailed" be included. Mr. Gallagher accepted the amendment.

The motion, as amended, as follows:

"I move that the Town vote to have Poll Tax registrations and Personal Property lists be brought or mailed to the Town Listers' office at dates to be set and published by the Town Board of Listers." Seconded and duly passed.

Article 19

Mr. George L. Streeter made the following motion:

"I move that the Town and Town School District pay taxes in installments on Real and Personal Property, and that they be paid in three equal installments due and payable on or before the 10th days of July, 1964, September, 1964, and November, 1964, and that they be paid to the Treasurer without discount." This motion was duly seconded and passed.

Article 20

Mr. William Osgood moved that Article 20 be placed on the table. Duly seconded and passed.

Later, this article having been removed from the, table Mr. Albert Fraser moved that the Town vote to relieve the Town Manager of the duties of Tax Collector and to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Tax Collector. This motion was seconded and passed.

Article 21

Result of voting on licenses to sell malt and vinous beverages as follows:

For Licenses	466
Against Licenses	63

Article 22

Result of voting on licenses to sell spirituous liquors as follows:

For Licenses	493
Against Licenses	64

Article 23

Mr. Theron Parks made the following motion:

"I move that we pass over Article 23." Duly seconded and passed.

(Article 23 was to see if the Town would authorize the Auditors to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the Auditor of Accounts office as provided for in Title 24, Sections 1962-1967, to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town.)

Article 24

Result of voting to accept or reject the proposed article of amendment to the Constitution of Vermont:

Acceptance	493
Rejection	64

Mr. King announced that we had accepted the proposed article of amendment to the Constitution of Vermont.

Article 25

Mr. Douglas Wiggett moved that the 1965 Town Meeting be warned to open the Ballot Boxes at 9:00 o'clock a.m., Eastern Standard Time, and that the business meeting convene at 10 o'clock A. M., Eastern Standard Time. This motion was seconded and passed.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine E. Buck, *Assistant Town Clerk*

MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, A. D. 1964
SPECIAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Northfield High School Gymnasium
Northfield, Vermont
May 19, A. D. 1964

Pursuant to the foregoing Warning, the inhabitants of the Town and Town School District of Northfield, Vermont, met at the High School Gymnasium at 8:00 P. M., Eastern Daylight Time, May 19, A. D. 1964, to hear and act upon the several matters of business of the Special Meeting.

Mr. Glendon N. King, Moderator, read the call of the Meeting, and called for action upon Article 1.

Article 1

On motion of Leslie G. Seaver, duly seconded by A. R. Fernandez, it was voted as follows:

That the voters rescind the action taken at the Annual Meeting of 1964 in voting to raise "the sum of $282,497.70 for school expenses less any State Aid, A.D.M. received in excess of $54,500.50. Provided that, however, if for any reason the reduction of local taxes by this means should appear contrary to any State Statute, the amount raised by local tax levy shall be $282,497.70."

Article 2

On motion of Leslie G. Seaver, duly seconded by A. R. Fernandez, it was voted as follows, quote:

"I move that the sum of $245,497.70 be raised for school expenses for this fiscal year by written ballot."

Five persons sustained the request for a written ballot.

Article 3

On motion of Norman M. Appelget, duly seconded by Edward H. Sargent, it was voted that the date for payment of the 1964 Poll and Old Age Assistance Taxes be changed from June 10, 1964, to July 10, 1964.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P. M.

Attest: G. A. Buck, *Town Clerk*

Balloting under Article 2 as follows:

Yes	217
No	51
Choice	135

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Town School District

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Northfield Town School District

January 6, 1965

Mr. Howard Hanson, *Chairman*
Northfield School Board
Northfield Falls, Vermont

The following report is submitted in accordance with Section 389, Title 16, Public Laws of Vermont:

The average daily membership in Northfield schools during the school year 1963-1964 was 916.15, a decrease of 1.68 from that of the school year 1962-1963. The total A.D.M. consisted of 638.04 elementary pupils and 278.1 high school pupils. $310.84 was spent per A.D.M. in the Elementary schools, an increase of $42.27 per A.D.M. over the amount spent in 1962-1963. $389.47 was spent per A.D.M. in Northfield High School, a decrease of $13.45 per A.D.M. from the amount spent in 1962-1963.

Comparative Cost Per Pupil	State of Vt. average	North-field	Amt. above or below average
Cost per elementary pupil A.D.M.	$ 316.00	$ 310.84	$ 5.16
Cost per high school pupil per A.D.M.	496.00	389.47	106.53

TABLE 1

The following information was supplied by the State Department of Education concerning the standing of Northfield schools in relation to the schools of the State of Vermont:

Elementary	Vermont range	Vermont median	Northfield
Total current exp. per pupil	$161.00–$929.00	$ 318.00	$ 311.00
Textbook exp. per pupil	0.00– 17.70	3.99	7.32
Teaching supplies exp. per pup.	.97– 23.60	6.57	6 80
Library exp. per pupil	0.00– 14.35	0.47	1.35
Total teachers with degrees	.00%–100%	61%	61%

All elementary distributions are based on 249 districts operating elementary schools. All expenditures per pupil are based on A.D.M. of the school.

High School	Vermont range	Vermont median	Northfield
Total current exp. per pupil	$308.00–$946.00	$ 467.00	$ 389.00
Textbook exp. per pupil	0.00– 13.01	2.88	0.42
Teaching supplies exp. per pup.	1.10– 37.40	10.86	15.53
Library Books exp. per pupil	0.00– 11.63	1.98	1.17

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All distributions are based on 79 districts operating secondary schools, including union high school districts. All expenditures per pupil are based on A.D.M. of the school.

TABLE 2

Northfield Town School District

BUDGET INFORMATION

RECEIPTS

	Budget 1964-1965	Budget 1965-1966
State Aid A. D. M.	$ 54,500.50	$ 96,000.00
State Aid Vocational and other	2,500.00	5,000.00
Glebe Rents	162.00	162.00
Elementary Tuition	0.00	280.00
High School Tuition	20,000.00	13,000.00
Refunds	750.00	750.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	250.00	250.00
Temporary Investments	600.00	600.00
*Taxes	286,497.70	267,967.00
*—Raised by Special Town Meeting $245,497.70		
Cash on hand	6,000.00	11,924.00
	$371,260.20	$395,933.00

EXPENDITURES

Administration:

Superintendent's Salary	$ 7,700.00	$ 8,000.00
Superintendent's Expense	1,300.00	1,300.00
Superintendent's Clerk	750.00	750.00
Bookkeeping	300.00	300.00
Treasurer's Salary	3,212.90	3,150.00
Treasurer's Clerk	2,166.00	2,124.00
Listers' Salaries	1,083.00	1,062.00
Auditors' Salaries	108.30	106.00
Rent—Town Office	722.00	708.00
School Board Salaries	850.00	850.00
School Board and Other Dues	366.50	367.00
Legal Fees	50.00	50.00
Social Security (other than teachers)	776.50	776.00
+ Total as printed in last year's report	$ 20,085.20	
Correction—minus	700.00	
	$ 19,385.20	$ 19,543.00

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Instructional Salaries:		
Teachers' salaries including known adjustments (addition of one full-time English - Social Studies teacher, one full time mathematics teacher-librarian, and dropping one full time English teacher to part time work on the staff).		
Teachers' Salaries	$230,000.00	**$248,150.00**
High School Clerk	2,800.00	**2,800.00**
Elementary School Clerk	1,000.00	**1,000.00**
Social Security for Teachers	7,000.00	**5,000.00**
Total Instructional Salaries	$240,800.00	**$256,950.00**
Instructional Supplies:		
Textbooks	$ 4,000.00	**$ 4,000.00**
Supplies and Equipment	7,000.00	**7,000.00**
Supplies and Equipment under NDEA	2,000.00	**4,000.00**
Library Books	2,000.00	**2,400.00**
Rent—Playground Field	250.00	**250.00**
Staff Travel and Meetings	500.00	**500.00**
Total Instructional Supplies	$ 15,750.00	**$ 18,150.00**
Attendance Services:		
Truant Officer and Census	$ 200.00	**$ 200.00**
Total Attendance Services	$ 200.00	**$ 200.00**
Health Services:		
Nurse's Salary	$ 400.00	**$ 400.00**
Medical Exams and Supplies	100.00	**100.00**
Total Health Services	$ 500.00	**$ 500.00**
Pupil Transportation:		
Current Expense	$ 8,000.00	**$ 9,000.00**
Purchase of Bus	2,500.00	**2,500.00**
Total Pupil Transportation	$ 10,500.00	**$ 11,500.00**
Plant Operation:		
Janitors and Cleaners	$ 14,500.00	**$ 15,500.00**
Janitor Supplies	3,000.00	**3,000.00**
Fuel	12,000.00	**12,000.00**
Lights, Water and Sewage	3,400.00	**3,400.00**
Total Plant Operation	$ 32,900.00	**$ 33,900.00**

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Plant Maintenance:		
*Repairs and Upkeep	$ 10,500.00	**$ 16,000.00**
Furniture and Equipment	5,000.00	**5,000.00**
Maintenance and Custodial Vehicles	800.00	**400.00**
Total Plant Maintenance	$ 16,300.00	**$ 21,400.00**
*Town meeting reduced this amount by $4,000.00.		
Fixed Charges:		
Insurance and Bonds on Officers and Equipment	$ 4,800.00	**$ 4,800.00**
Printing	400.00	**400.00**
Total Fixed Charges	$ 5,200.00	**$ 5,200.00**
Debt Service:		
Falls School Bonds	$ 1,000.00	**$ 1,000.00**
Falls School Bonds—Interest	125.00	**100.00**
High School Bonds—11th Payment	20,000.00	**20,000.00**
High School Bonds—Interest	4,410.00	**3,990.00**
Total Debt Service	$ 25,535.00	**$ 25,090.00**
Transfer Account:		
Special Education	$ 3,500.00	**$ 3,500.00**
Total Transfer Account	$ 3,500.00	**$ 3,500.00**
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$371,260.20	**$395,933.00**

SCHOOL BOARD RECOMMENDATION

We recommend a lump sum of $267,967.00 to be raised from taxes on the Grand List for support of schools during the school year 1965-1966.

Howard Hanson, *Chairman*
Leon Sears
George Burnham
Wendell Bird
Deborah M. Beattie, *Clerk*
Northfield School Board

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TABLE 3

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES

First six months of fiscal year 1964-1965

	Budget	**Received**
Estimated Cash on Hand July 1, 1964	$ 6,000.00	**$ 9,177.42**
State Aid A.D.M.	91,500.50	**93,628.11**
Other State Aid	2,500.00	**2,395.63**
Building State Aid	0.00	**240.00**
Rent Lease Lands	162.00	**0.00**
Elementary Tuition	0.00	**213.41**
High School Tuition	20,000.00	**9,535.32**
Refunds	750.00	**427.08**
†Taxes (see next item)		
**Taxes	245,497.70	**245,497.70**
Temporary Investments	600.00	**0.00**
Adult Education	0.00	**135.67**
Miscellaneous	250.00	**980.41**
Total	$367,260.20	**$362.230.75**

†Town meeting deducted $4,000.00 from the budget and taxes for maintenance of plant.

**Special town meeting rescinded town meeting vote on taxes and voted $245,497.70 in anticipation of receiving $37,000.00 in additional state aid.

	Budget	**Expended**
Administration	$ 20,085.20	**$ 13,737.05**
Instructional Salaries	233,800.00	**112,634.26**
Social Security—Teachers	7,000.00	**0.00**
Instruction	15,750.00	**11,807.17**
Attendance Services	200.00	**0.00**
Health Services	500.00	**95.53**
Pupil Transportation	10,500.00	**6,579.78**
Operation of Plant	32,900.00	**16,876.32**
Maintenance of Plant	12,300.00	**13,538.30**
Fixed Charges	5,200.00	**4,698.42**
Debt Service	25,525.00	**25,472.50**
Transfer Account	3,500.00	**2,580.00**
Total	$367,260.20	**$209,019.85**

(Recapitulation follows)

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RECAPITULATION 1964-1965 ACCOUNTS

as balanced with the treasurer

Total Receipts 1964-1965	$362,230.75
Total Expenditures to Dec. 31, 1964	209,019.85
Cash on Hand December 31, 1964	**$153,210.90**

Accounts of Cash on Hand:

Cash in Checking Account	$ 3,210.90
Certificates of Deposit	150,000.00
Total	**$153,210.90**

HOT LUNCH ACCOUNT, 1964-1965

Cash on Hand July 1, 1964	$ 523.51
Hot Lunch Receipts	4,451.95
Total Cash on Hand & Receipts	**$ 4,975.46**
Total Expenditures to Dec. 31, '64	**3,806.99**
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1964	**$ 1,168.47**

SINKING FUND FOR PURCHASE OF BUSES

Cash on Hand in Savings Account Dec. 31, 1963	$ 6,432.20
Transferred to General Account for purchase of bus March 4, 1964	4,000.00
Balance	**$ 2,432.20**
Interest—January 1, 1964	136.69
Interest—July 1, 1964	51.38
Cash on Hand December 31, 1964	**$ 2,620.27**

MARY ELLA POLLARD FUND for School Use

(If not claimed at the end of seventeen years from date of receipt by the Town of Northfield)

Cash in savings account Dec. 31, 1963	$ 10,832.63
Interest—Jan. 1 and July 1, 1964	433.65
	$ 11,266.28

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TABLE 4

FINANCIAL REPORT SCHOOL YEAR 1963-1964

Unexpended Cash Balance July 1, 1963	$ 12,195.10
Taxes	263,000.00
Glebe Rents	154.34
Tuition—Elementary School	254.30
Tuition—High School (old account)	25.00
Adult Education	66.84
Interest on Deposits and Temporary Investments	863.05
From Revolving Fund—bus payment	4,000.00
Rents and Leases from School Facilities	615.00
Rents from Other School Property	491.82
Miscellaneous (all other sources)	829.86
Total Revenue from local sources	**$282,495.31**
State Aid on Average Daily Membership	54,321.00
State Aid for State Supported Vocational Cources	1,896.77
Revenue from National Defense Education Act	998.44
Total Revenue Receipts	**$339,711.52**
Receipts from Sale of Equipment	123.14
Receipts from Insurance Adjustments	40.69
Total Revenue & Non-revenue Receipts	**$339,875.35**
Tuition from Other School Districts	19,280.83
Total Receipts for Current Operation	**$359,156.18**
Revenue from State for School Construction	660.83
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$359,817.01**

EXPENDITURES SCHOOL YEAR 1963-1964

Total Administration:		
Elementary	$ 8,702.70	
High School	8,657.81	
		$ 17,360.51
Total Teachers' and Principal's Salaries:		
Elementary	$143,473.65	
High School	90,108.15	
		233,581.80

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Total Instruction:			
	Elementary	$ 9,862.70	
	High School	5,782.84	$ 15,645.54
Total Attendance Services:			
	Elementary	0.00	
	High School	14.00	14.00
Total Health Services:			
	Elementary	302.42	
	High School	200.00	502.42
Total Transportation:			
	Elementary	15,283.01	
	High School	0.00	15,283.01
Total Plant Operation:			
	Elementary	14,683.95	
	High School	16,903.71	31,587.66
Total Plant Maintenance:			
	Elementary	11,802.72	
	High School	8,229.11	20,031.83
Total Fixed Charges:			
	Elementary	1,310.34	
	High School	3,015.40	4,325.74
Total Debt Service:			
	Elementary	1,137.50	
	High School	24,830.00	25,967.50
Total Transfer Account (Special Education):			
	Elementary	741.90	
	High School	0.00	741.90
Total Regular Accounts:	Elementary	**$199,616.39**	
	High School	**151,023.20**	**$350,639.59**
Hot Lunch Account:			
	Elementary	5,570.10	
	High School	2,666.42	$ 8,236.52
Grand Total All Accounts:	Elementary	**$205,186.49**	
	High School	**153,689.62**	**$358,876.11**

TABLE 5

HEALTH REPORT, 1964-1965

	Grade	Eyes	Ears	Defects
Miss Grace	1	25	25	4 eyes
Mrs. Lyford	1	25	25	
Mrs. Wheeler	2		24	
Mrs. Rowe	2		18	
Mrs. Hill	3	15	15	
Miss Kingston	3	28	28	2 eyes
Mrs. Douglas	4	3		
Mrs. Curtis	5	25	25	2 eyes
Miss R. Gallant	5	26	26	2 eyes
Miss C. Gallant	6	2		1 eyes
Junior High	7	77	77	1 eyes
Others	8	3	3	
Northfield Falls	1	13	13	
	2		14	
	3	14	14	
	5	16	16	
	6	4		
Harlow Bridge	1	24	24	
Center	2	2	14	
	3	14	14	
Rabbit Hollow	4	3		
	5	3	3	
South Village	5	18	18	
	6	2		
High School	82	82		4 eyes

Follow up work in the process

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TABLE 6

Pupil Progress, 1963-1964

Elementary	Boys	Girls	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Number of Completions	39	40	79								79
Number Promoted	272	255	527	68	72	87	89	63	74	74	
Number Not Promoted	8	9	17	9	4	1		2	1		
Number of Transfers	23	20	43	6	10	4	6	7	3	3	4
Number of Dropouts	1	1	2	1					1		
Total	**343**	**325**	**668**	**84**	**86**	**92**	**95**	**72**	**79**	**77**	**83**

High School	Boys	Girls	Total	9	10	11	12
Number of Completions	36	29	65				65
Number Promoted	117	130	247	99	71	77	
Number Not Promoted	4	0	4			2	2
Number of Transfers	3	5	8	6	1	1	
Number of Dropouts	9	5	14	4	1	4	5
Total	**169**	**169**	**338**	**109**	**73**	**84**	**72**

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TABLE 7

ENROLLMENT

As of December 23, 1964

School	Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Harlow		24								24
Center			13	15						28
Rabbit Hollow					21	3				24
South Northfield						18	13		[redacted]	31
Falls		15	16	14	11	16	11			83
Elementary		49	41	44	54	54	46	77	75	440
Special School										5
Total		**88**	**70**	**73**	**86**	**91**	**70**	**77**	**75**	**635**

High School	**Grade**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**P.G.**	
Total		**87**	**99**	**74**	**79**	**5**	**344**
TOTAL all pupils							**979**

The enrollment figures show a downward trend in the Elementary schools from previous years. Last year on the December 20, 1963, check, there were 637 pupils in the elementary grades; that figure showed a drop of 37 pupils from the preceding year. This year's drop of 7 pupils was not as large but it represents a loss when an increase was to be expected.

The High School figures represent an increase of 19 pupils over the figures of December 20, 1963. The total of 979 pupils in all schools is an increase of 19 over last year's total.

Buildings and Equipment

General repairs, painting and cleaning were carried out in all buildings during the past summer. The South Northfield School received a new roof and was painted two coats of white paint on the outside.

Hot mix was placed at the northeast corner of the high school building to eliminate water seepage. The walks at the high school building were patched with hot mix. The entrance steps were relaid

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and four sections were replaced. The lockers at the high school were relaid in motar and patching was done where necessary. The parking area at the high school was retreated. A large hot mix patch was made at the old high school building east of the walk leading to the elementary building.

Three major unforseen repair jobs were made to correct difficulties that developed after the budget was approved. The furnace at the Center School was replaced due to a burned out fire pot. The overhang at the high school was vented with an aluminum venting strip. The roof at the hot lunch building was partially replaced. The remainder of this roof should be replaced next summer.

A new field mower was purchased to maintain the grounds in better condition than in the past.

Sixty new pupil desk and chair units were purchased to replace the pupil furniture in the fifth grade rooms of the elementary building. Two new teachers' desks were purchased for the fifth grade rooms in the elementary building.

A new portable laboratory table, 14 microscopes, and a large amount of science equipment was purchased for the schools.

New office mimeograph and duplicator machines were purchased for the high school.

Six typewriters and an adding machine were purchased for the commercial department.

Some new equipment was provided for the shop, physical education, home economics departments and the mathematics classes in the elementary school.

Staff

A new principal of the high school joined our staff at the beginning of the school year. Nelson Megna, former principal of Beaman Academy in Fairhaven, Vt., and prior to that service as a teacher and guidance counselor in New Hampshire for three years, assumed his new duties in July, 1964.

A part-time teacher of English and social studies was added to the high school staff to relieve over-crowding in those subjects.

A workshop in "Identifying and Working with the Normal, Abnormal and Retarded Child" was held in August for the Washington South District teachers.

A workshop for teachers in the area of "Working with the Deprived Child and Slow Learner" is planned for August, 1965.

Recommendations

Once again, I recommend the building of a new 40 classroom elementary school building to accommodate 1,000 pupils at the present high school site to provide modern facilities for a modern program in elementary education in Northfield. I hope Roxbury will be invited to participate in this improvement so its children will have the same preparation as Northfield children when they enter Northfield High School.

I recommend the building of an addition to the present high school, at once, to provide the minimum facilities to meet the new high school standards and to improve the educational opportunity of Northfield children.

I recommend that the remaining area around the elementary buildings be hard surfaced to reduce the maintenance problems in those buildings.

I recommend the addition of a teacher-librarian and a social studies-English teacher to the high school staff.

I recommend that help to the teachers and pupils be provided through the purchase of the services of the Winooski Valley Family Consultation Service, Inc.

I recommend broadening the use of the National Education Act in the district to provide improved equipment in the areas served by the Act.

I recommend strengthening the libraries in all the schools.

I recommend changes in the curriculum that give promise of improving the educational opportunity for the children of Northfield.

I recommend public kindergartens for all the children of Northfield.

I recommend continuance of the program to replace furniture and equipment as necessary.

I recommend the enlargement of the Special Education Program until all children needing this type of instruction are cared for.

I recommend extensive painting in the high school and other buildings to make up for ground lost during the past few years.

Activities

The written policies of the Northfield School Board were assembled and are in the process of being organized and mimeographed.

Work has begun on a teachers' handbook for the district.

A committee is studying reading systems preparing to either purchase a new system or the new edition of the system now in use.

A committee is working on the revision of the social studies curriculum for grades 1-12.

The organization of the schools in the outlying area of town continues to be revised to improve the teaching situation in those buildings.

New science texts, film strips and charts were purchased for grades 1-6.

The library budget was doubled and major purchases have been made in this area to improve the educational opportunity for the children of Northfield.

A second year of Mechanical Drawing was added to the high school curriculum.

In closing, I wish to thank all those who helped in any way in the operation of Northfield schools during the past year. I wish to especially commend Mrs. Sidney Morse who has again volunteered many hours of her time to work on the high school library organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter D. Gallagher
Superintendent of Schools

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TOWN OFFICERS

		Term Expires
Moderator	GLENDON N. KING	1965
Town Clerk	GARDNER A. BUCK	1965
Town Treasurer	GARDNER A. BUCK	1965
Selectmen	NORMAN M. APPELGET	1965
	JOHN F. CURTIS (Resigned)	1966
	PAUL W. CULVER	1967
Overseer of the Poor and Town Manager	JOHN G. GUNTHER	
Listers	LINDSAY H. WHEELER	1965
	WILLIAM H. HARDIN	1966
	STILLMAN L. STEVENS	1967
Constable	BURTON SANDERS	1965
Tax Collector	GLENN H. TRACY	1965
Auditors	RONALD N. DAVIS	1965
	RODGERS L. GREGORY	1966
	LESLIE G. SEAVER	1967
Town Agent	GARDNER A. BUCK	1965
Brown Public Library Trustees	VICTOR H. JOHNSON	1965
	ROSINA A. HANSON	1966
	MARION B. SHEPPARD	1967
	NORMAN M. APPELGET	1968
	CARL A. DIEMER	1969
Grand Juror	EDWARD ZASACKY	1965
School Directors	GEORGE H. BURNHAM	1965
	WENDELL G. BIRD	1965
	HOWARD N. HANSON	1965
	DEBORAH M. BEATTIE	1966
	LEON W. SEARS	1967

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Officers Appointed by the Selectmen

Fence Viewers
Weigher of Coal
Tree Warden
Health Officer
Inspector of Wood, Shingles and Lumber
Fire Wardens
Cemetery Superintendent
Town History Committee
Town Manager